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Taylor presidency terminated

BY DAVID M. SOBOTKIN
Editor-In-Chief

After months of much tension and speculation, the College's Board of Trustees reached an agreement with Arthur Taylor to terminate his position as President on July 12. David Long, the Chairman of the Board, also resigned his position following a negotiated settlement but will remain on the Board.

Both Long's and Taylor's settlements are subject to confidentiality clauses, although it was unclear at press time whether Taylor had actually signed the agreement.

Following the termination of Taylor and the resignation of Long, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer Kent Dyer was named acting President and

John Heffer ascended to the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Rich Brueckner '71, a member of the Board, became Vice Chairman (See "Board of Trustees gains new leadership" on page 7). On Aug. 16, the Board named James Steffy interim President. He will serve in that position until the inauguration of the College's eleventh President following a year-long national search process (See "Steffy takes office" on page 1).

While many members of the College Community viewed the termination of Taylor as the culmination of a multi-year development, the Board was made aware of some conditions for termination in the form of a letter from Walter Lenel, the son of former professor

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Steffy takes office

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

The College has undergone numerous changes in its 154 years as an institution for higher education. Its continuous growth and transformation is an inherent part of its history, and one person especially has had much experience with this progression of change. James B. Steffy, the interim President of the College, is very familiar with the natural pattern of change in a variety of domains. Steffy has held many diverse positions in his professional career, giving him a unique range of experience in many fields.

Steffy began his career with an attraction to music, receiving his B.S. and M. Ed. in Music Education from West Chester University and Pennsylvania State



James Steffy welcomes any student to visit him in his office.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

University, respectively. He has been involved with the College since 1985, serving as the Deputy President under Arthur Taylor for 10 years and Vice President for Planning and Administration until retiring in 1999. As for his time spent as vice president, Steffy says, "The College has had a phenomenal suc-

cess, and responsible for that success are Arthur and Katherine Taylor along with the faculty, the staff and the students. The College has become a lot more visible and better known, the level of student satisfaction has increased, and the financial condition of the institution

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Freshmen move in and get oriented

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Staff Writer

For the new first-year students, Orientation 2002 began early morning on Aug. 23 when a troop of students sporting bright orange t-shirts arrived ready to help them move in.

While this was only their first encounter with the Orientation process, the planning and preparation for the weekend had started 10 months earlier with the Orientation Advisory and Planning Committee.

Under the guidance of Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, the Committee members included Robbie Saenz de Viteri '04, Melanie Cohen '03, Kristin Kish '03, Melissa Matzuk '03, Sarina

Ahuja '03 and Matt Targarona '03.

This dedicated group was responsible for the selection of Student Advisors for the incoming students.

This year's Advisors were selected through a competitive application and interviewing process.

The 89 selected Advisors began their training last spring. According to Dean Wilson, "We want the



Students light candles at the Candlelighting ceremony outside of Brown Hall.

PHOTO BY LAUREN WIESNER

Advisors to be the very best role models for the students."

As usual, incoming students also had the opportunity

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Committee chosen to select president

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Three faculty members and two students have joined in a committee to find a new president for the College. Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Dr. Fred Norling, Dr. Patrice Diquinzio, Seth Williams '03 and Abigail Thompson '03 were added to a committee initially consisting of Trustees and the President of the Alumni Association, John Rosenberg, to begin the interview process of

potential presidential candidates. Each member of the Presidential Search Committee will be representative of the College Community and will have voting privileges during the selection process. The faculty of the College was directly responsible for electing Niesenbaum to the position on the Committee. The Board of Trustees chose Diquinzio and Norling from a list of five potential faculty members elected by the faculty.

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Looking towards the future

On Friday, July 12, the College's Board of Trustees negotiated a confidential settlement with the tenth President, Arthur Taylor. While this time might seem appropriate for retrospection, The Weekly sees this as an opportunity to look to the future.

Often, The Weekly makes reference to the College Community. A community, by its very nature, is a group of individuals with various talents, roles and responsibilities who have come together in a single place. There is no better definition for Muhlenberg College.

One man--be he the President, a faculty member, a staff member or student--can never embody the College's history, traditions and function. More importantly, one man cannot embody the College's successes.

While this time might seem appropriate for retrospection, The Weekly sees this as an opportunity to look to the future.

The efforts put forth by Taylor will continue due to the foundation he laid. The College will continue to grow and thrive beyond its current levels.

However, this is not only because one man was particularly successful. It is because thousands of exceedingly dedicated and talented human beings came together in a small college in Allentown, Pa. From Plant Operations who keep our campus in pristine condition, to the senior staff who maintain the College's management in every possible way, to the men and women of Wood Dining Services and everyone in between, the College is more than faculty, staff, administration and students.

The College is a collaborative effort of many. The exit of one member of that collaborative effort cannot destroy the work of thousands. The College is something larger than its component parts; it transcends its component parts. It is this collaboration of many that is at the core of the College's past success, and will continue to be at the core of the College's future success.

And that is the College Community.

Big fish from little pond get lost in new school

John Dunphy
Weekly Guest Columnist

Every year, hordes of new students are welcomed into colleges all over the country. It is a practice that is as old as man itself. The time has come to leave the comfort of the home, and begin the transition into the real world. For some, the transition flows easily, and they become acquainted with the situation with relative ease. Others, however, are not so fortunate.

Whether it is seen on the stage or on the field, there are hundreds of examples of students that were the cream of the crop in their high school and are now just another face in the crowd. Star quarterbacks from all over meet each other face to face. The intellectual leaders of high schools now experience an unparalleled feeling of competition. The feeling is almost that of a loss of individualism.

When encompassed by the academic pressures that come with attending a college or university, the stress of realizing that your best may not be good enough can almost be unbearable. This is why it is important to use this new atmosphere and these new settings in order to advance talents and hone

skills as opposed to just falling back on the same old tricks.

Many a time, a student will say something along the lines of, "I wasn't prepared for this," or maybe "I can't believe there's so much to do." Unfortunately, due to movies such as *American Pie*, *National Lampoon's Van Wilder* and other such films, the average high school student feels that college will be just like it is on screen. Just a really big high school with drinking. This is another one of those realizations that adds to the struggle of campus life for many new students.

Granted, many of the problems that revolve around a high school are present in college. There will never be an escape from the homework, the teachers or the

social scene. But in college, the problems seem to rise at an almost exponential rate. That's not to say that it cannot be handled, just that it might be a little harder to do.

Overall, there are many factors that can lead to a big headache in college. The secret to a successful transition resides in a person's ability to simply stop, breath, and use a little time management. Those three things will get you through not only college, but most of your life.

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Selling our privacy

Skye Bassett
Weekly Columnist

Picture this: it's 6:30 on a Tuesday evening and you just got back to your room in East that's about the size of a broom closet. You turn on the TV to watch some *Fresh Prince* while you pop some Tums to try to counteract the acid overload you just got from eating in the Garden Room, and your phone rings.

So like every other time, you pick up the phone expecting to hear the voice of one of your friends explain in detail how she drunkenly locked herself in the bath-

room last night. Instead you hear, "Good evening Jane Q. Student I am so and so from Discover..." or "Hi I am calling from Rolling Stone would you like to complete a quick poll for us..." Then after politely

trying to say no about eight times you hang up and wonder where they got your phone number.

Since most students at Muhlenberg do not sign up to be harassed by Discover and MasterCard, I present these questions: how do they get our phone numbers and addresses and who is giving it to them?

No one likes to receive a phone call during dinner from a person mutilating your name and selling bulk dog food...

Many people come here with expectations of privacy. It is not unreasonable for a student to expect that their school telephone should not ring constantly with telemarketers.

However, here at Muhlenberg, Discover, Visa and MasterCard flood our mailboxes and

phone lines with annoying pleas to buy into their credit lines. If the school goes to so much trouble to protect our identity when we call

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Celebrity 101

Michael Sabella
Weekly Guest Columnist

If I were to mention magazines such as *Entertainment Weekly*, *People*, *The National Enquirer*, *The Star*, and *US Weekly* how would you describe them? Most people would describe them as interesting and entertaining magazines that they must have. Many of us frequently purchase either of these magazines on trips to the bookstore or to the supermarket. Would it shock you to know that these magazines all focus on celebrities? It shouldn't.

These magazines are among the highest in circulation and take in millions of dollars a year. Haven't you been waiting on line at the supermarket and started flipping through *The National Enquirer* to see what was the "real" reason from Britney and Justin breaking up, or to see what star is having an affair? These magazines all focus on celebrities and what movies they are making or what problems they are

having. The United States has created royalty out of celebrities because we don't have any. It is an interesting trade-off for the celebrities too.

We idolize them and treat them as stars, but they second they make a mistake we're all over them because, after all, scandal sells more than anything else. Americans like nothing more than to watch other people's mistakes be played out for entertainment. If you don't believe me just take a look at the Jerry Springer show.

What about if I were to mention *Newsweek*, *Time*, *US News* or *The Economist*? Some of you would definitely say that it doesn't interest you and that you don't see the importance of them, but others would say that they help to keep us informed of what is going on in the world. Last year in one of my classes my professor decided to give us a small quiz. He asked us a few questions. Of those questions two stood out in my mind: Who are

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Diversity more prevalent at Muhlenberg

Alice McGrail
Weekly Guest Columnist

What is the first word that comes to mind when you hear Muhlenberg? That was a question that one of my professors asked my class on our first day. Then we took turns going around the room and saying our word. Most people came up with typical responses such as mine, the word "small," as well as others like "comfortable," "family," "friends" and "excellence." There was one response that baffled most of the class and the teacher came back to comment upon after we were finished. That word was "diverse."

Ever since the first day I arrived on this campus I had never thought of

Muhlenberg as being diverse. I felt that my high school graduating class of only 95 students was more diverse than the entire Muhlenberg College. That is the one thing that I thought this campus needed to work on the most. Since that comment had really struck a chord with me I continued thinking about it after class. I thought to myself, maybe this campus is diverse and I just had never even recognized it? The more and more I thought about the response of "diverse" I came to realize that maybe there was some truth to that.

I really started thinking about it as I was spending time with my friends this weekend. From the outside we may look like a homogeneous group, but once you

dig beneath the surface you realize it isn't true. There is significant religious diversity at our school, a mix of people with Catholic,

This school is not just religiously diverse but diverse in so many different ways. We have people here from all over the country (not just New Jersey, as everyone seems to think).

Protestant and Jewish backgrounds, as well as non-Judeo-Christian beliefs.

I was raised in a Catholic household and I have shared my traditions and beliefs with many of my friends who are not

Catholic and they have done the same with me. This school is not just religiously diverse, but diverse in so many different ways. We have people here from all over the country (not just New Jersey, as everyone seems to think). There are students here who have grown up in the middle of a major city as well as the rural countryside and, of course, the suburbs. There are students here from private high schools, public high schools and home schools.

These different educational backgrounds give people different life experiences to draw upon. I have close friends here that are theater, elementary education, psychology, biology, dance, sociology and many other majors. Walking

around the activities fair I realized how many different interests people have here at Muhlenberg. There is a club to be joined for practically every interest and activity.

Muhlenberg College may not be diverse when it comes to statistics about the school. I have learned otherwise from being here for the past two years. Muhlenberg is filled with amazing students from a vast array of backgrounds.

Although many people here may appear to look the same, a vast majority of people that I have met here are incredibly open-minded and willing to learn about beliefs and practices different than their own. Yes, I can safely say that I believe our campus is diverse.

Telemarketing at the 'Berg

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out (your number comes up as campus safety on caller IDs outside the network), why doesn't Muhlenberg try to protect our identities from telemarketing firms? At a private institution, student phone numbers should be private. Students should have the right to give their phone numbers out to people at their own discretion.

Instead, somehow, Discover has my phone number on speed dial because I am a college student and an excellent target to sell a line of credit. There is a large profit to be made from the student body's phone and addresses, but how many of us actually buy their products? Telemarketing is a plague on society as a whole, not just here at Muhlenberg.

No one likes to receive a phone call during dinner from a person mutilating your name and selling bulk dog food, so why has telemarketing become an acceptable form of business? Most consumers with a need actively seek out that need rather than sitting at home on the off chance that they will call. Instead salespeople repeatedly violate the privacy of our home.

...it would be nice to have the courtesy of not receiving telemarketing calls while at college.

I don't expect telemarketing to go away, but it would be nice to have the courtesy of not receiving

telemarketing calls while at college. Part of Muhlenberg is to prepare us for the real world; however, there are parts of the real world we are not ready to deal with yet. Telemarketers are one of them.

Our interest in celebrity lives

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Donald Rumsfeld and Jennifer Aniston? Guess what? Only about five kids knew the answer to the first one (for those who don't know it's the Secretary of Defense) and just about everyone knew the answer to the latter question. More people should be aware of what is going on in our country than whether or not Jennifer Aniston's hair looked good on *Friends* this week. The United States' obsession with celebrities is being reflected in

the next generation of teenagers.

Sure some of them are aware of what is going on both in and outside of our country, but most are more interested in watching the *MTV Video Music Awards* than the State of the Union.

Let me ask you this: if we were to go to war would it be more important to know who you were fighting against and why, or whether or not Julia Roberts and her new husband are going to make it or not? I would pick the former.

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Weekly Discourse: Iraq

Should the United States attack Iraq or push for peace?

Aaron Solomon
Weekly Guest Columnist

It is my firm belief that the United States made a grievous error during the Persian Gulf War. For, after almost completely decimating the army of the Iraqi Dictator Saddam Hussein, the government and the military decided to allow the Iraqis to surrender rather than continuing the war to facilitate the removal of Saddam Hussein from power. Thus, it is my belief that the United States really failed to finish "the job" in 1991 and now we are faced with the possible conflict in Iraq once again.

As a condition of the surrender in 1991, the Iraqi government agreed to allow United Nations inspectors into the country. This was to ensure the Iraqis would not produce any weapons of mass destruction, and to destroy any that may have already existed. Yet in 1999, the Iraqi government kicked out those inspectors. And, just like in 1991, the United States failed to deliver the necessary response to an action that was essentially a violation of the 1991 agreement.

Consequently, we have given Saddam a three year grace period in which he could have continued the development of weapons of mass

destruction. This is really dangerous because Saddam has proven his willingness to use weapons of mass destruction in the past; for example the nerve gas attack on a Kurdish village in the late 80's that left thousands dead. And to think that Saddam wouldn't try to use those weapons against his sworn enemy the "infidels" living in the United States of America is naïve and extremely ridiculous. If Sept. 11, has taught us anything I believe that it has taught us that we cannot ignore such a dangerous situation and such an obvious threat to our national security.

Therefore it is my firm belief that the United States must strike before something catastrophic happens. We, as a nation, cannot afford to ignore this situation any longer, for to do so could mean the death of thousands of Americans. If we don't act now and, G-d forbid, something terrible happens as a direct result of our inaction on this issue, people will once again wonder why we didn't do something about it beforehand. However, we can still prevent such a terrible even from occurring, for we can act now and we can act decisively. For we must stand strong as a nation and never allow something as horrible as what happened on Sept. 11, 2001 to ever happen again.

Rachael Lederman
Weekly Guest Columnist

Dubya ought to have better reasons to attack Iraq than getting revenge on the guy who told his dad to get lost. We appear to be headed for round two with Saddam Hussein, but before we make any rash decisions Bush should consider that the reasons not to attack outweigh the reasons he has created to coax the American public into supporting an attack.

Attacking Iraq would cause regional tension and instability and the possibility of civil war. There is the chance that American troops would have to stay in Iraq for years after the war to provide stability, which in effect would cost the U.S. billions of dollars. Not to mention that no international support has been rallied, as threats of weapons of mass destruction must not have been convincing to our allies.

There are only two possible sources of sacrificial support for the U.S. in Iraq: the Kurds and the Shiites. The price the Kurds will surely demand for their support is an independent Kurdistan, and that will cause problems for Turkey, Syria and Iran. If we ally with the Shiites and succeed, we will in effect be handing over Iraq and its resources to the mullahs in Iran.

One can argue that we have done Iraq a great wrong. The sanctions against Iraq, which are the worst since the Middle Ages, have caused the deaths of more than 500,000 children and another 500,000 adults, mostly elderly. You cannot blame this all on Saddam Hussein, as American politicians and Israeli apologists so easily do.

I do not understand this push to seek out another country to bomb next. Are the politics of the presidency needing to take action overriding the nation's need to do what is right? Media and various politicians are trying to predict week to week which country should be next on our bombing list. Is military action now the foreign policy of choice for the United States?

When it comes to other countries and disputes, the United States mediates dialogue and pushes for peace. We urge the Catholics and Protestants to talk to each other; we urge the Israelis and Palestinians to talk to each other. Even at the height of the Cold War, when the Soviet Union had missiles pointed at us from 90 miles away in Cuba, we solved the dispute through dialogue and diplomacy. Why is it, in this post-Cold War era, that the United States seems to turn first to the military to solve its foreign policy problems? Is diplomacy dead?

Next week's discourse topic is:

Smoking ban in Parents' Plaza

Imposing of ideals or looking out for our health?

If you are interested in writing call Rachel at x5008

Interested in writing for the Op/Ed section?

Call Allison at x6061

GQ: Extended dining hours

Becca Van Aken
Weekly Guest Columnist

Getting out of class at 2 p.m. on a summer afternoon, you race to GQ to get a chicken cheese steak and fries. You arrive at Seegers Union at 2:05 p.m., only to discover that GQ has closed for the day. You realize that you once again have to make a Wegmans run. Sounds like a typical summer weekday? Well it is. With GQ's shortened summer hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; many students find themselves not only eating dinner out, but also lunch. General Quarters (GQ) needs to extend its hours in order to accommodate the late lunch and early dinner groups.

Even though Muhlenberg is not operating at full capacity during the summer, it is not dormant. The college offers three academic sessions, produces three different theater productions, and employs numerous Muhlenberg students during the course of the summer. With this fact in mind, issues of food or lack thereof, are a natural concern for students. Walz, the acting summer hous-

ing facility, has a full kitchen: including a stove and large refrigerator, this cooking space, along with a dorm refrigerator and microwave are helpful tools which enable students to make their own dinner. For some students, however, these items do not necessarily solve the problem; rather, they may create another concern. Students without cars must find other student drivers. Although the Cedar Crest shopping center is a relatively short distance from campus, students may not have the time or means to continuously go to the grocery store. If the students do end up walking to the grocery store, they are limited in their food quantity based upon the amount that they are able to carry back to Muhlenberg. This limiting factor tends to force students to make more daily or by-weekly trips.

Understandably the Garden Room is not opened during the summer. With the higher cost of cooks and staff members for this larger area as well as lower food consumption, it is not feasible for the Garden Room to maintain a fall and spring schedule. GQ, however, operates on a made to order basis. This structure enables GQ to

minimize waste both during the fall and spring semesters and the summer. Therefore, it would not be extremely difficult for Muhlenberg to extend GQ hours to 6 p.m.. By allotting extra time, Muhlenberg would enable hungry summer students to catch a late lunch/early dinner before/after class or practice.

Improving upon the food service's level of convenience would further demonstrate that fact that Muhlenberg is a community in itself, whether it is during the fall or summer. More importantly, this action would help to encourage students that have decided against summer school to change their minds. Muhlenberg, furthermore, hosts many summer camps and conferences and includes dinner in most cases. It should extend the same opportunity to the summer students. Most Muhlenberg summer students, after all, are already paying for course credit and housing. Muhlenberg College in conjunction with Woods Dining Services needs to demonstrate its caring college creed by extending the summer food service hours to be more convenient, courteous, and student-friendly.

Upgraded ID badges distributed

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly Staff Writer

New student ID cards are gradually making their way into the wallets of students across campus. The new ID cards serve the same function as the old ones, while allowing students access into campus buildings. The Class of 2006 has already received the upgraded ID cards, and upperclassmen will be trading in their current ones in the near future.

According to Glenn Gerchman, director of Seegers Union and Campus Events, the College decided to implement the new ID cards as an adjunct to upgrading the 15-year-old dining services software. Gerchman said the new software will be more user-friendly and easier to manage.

The new ID cards are also

much easier to make, which Gerchman said will help tremendously during June advising, when incoming freshman have their ID photographs taken. The old system took seven to ten minutes to make an individual card, while the new system can make a card in less than two minutes because the new cards contain a digital photograph of the cardholder instead of a Polaroid.

A final advantage of the new system is that the IDs allow access to campus buildings using a one card system. Currently, students must use a separate Simplex card for access into the dorms and any other buildings that they are authorized to enter.

Although there is no definite schedule, Gerchman said that once the new card system is running smoothly,

the College will immediately begin upgrading the upperclassmen's IDs. The order of the upgrade will depend on the resident hall in which the student lives since new devices need to be placed on all campus buildings for the new cards to work.

Students will need to get new ID photographs taken. There will tentatively be specific hours set up for students to get the new photos taken. Currently, the digital camera and card printer are located in the office behind the Seegers Union information desk, so students will be sent to the office during designated times to receive their new IDs. Gerchman hopes that the entire campus will be using the new system by the end of Fall Break.

Even though the new ID cards will be used to access



Samantha Chln '06 can open designated campus buildings that have a proximity reader with her new ID badge.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

campus buildings, students will not need to turn them in to the College after each academic year. The cards will have activation and deactivation dates for access to various buildings on campus.

The new system makes it easier for the College to offer students access to all academic buildings they are authorized to enter as well.

The process of entering campus buildings will be slightly different with the new ID cards. Instead of having card readers outside every building, there will be proximity readers. This means that instead of sliding the card through the reader, as the current Simplex cards are used, stu-

dents only need to hold it up in front of the proximity reader. Gerchman said that the card can be up to three feet from the door to unlock it. He said that this new system is more convenient for students and also minimizes wear and tear on the cards.

Gerchman stressed that students cannot punch a hole in the new ID cards because it can damage the chip that is inside and make the card not function properly. He said that there is a \$25 fee to replace the ID card if it is lost or stolen. He also explained that it is important that students report lost or stolen cards as soon as possible so they can be deactivated.

Parking problems make progress



pointed to the construction of a new 23-space faculty/staff parking lot on Liberty Street which freed up 20 student spaces in the Martin Luther parking lot, and the addition of a new commuter lot last year as evidence that the school is making progress with the parking issue. There will be a meeting later this week of the parking committee, of which Michael Saratovsky '04 is a student representa-

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

A new parking lot is being constructed on Liberty Street.

BY REBECCA LEVY
Weekly Staff Writer

With both the sophomore and freshman classes each approximately 10% larger than the senior class, the number of students who bring cars to the College campus has increased significantly. This growing car population has caused parking to tighten up on campus. Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students, said, "The biggest problem is that we're just running out of space, and the school is doing the best that it can with the situation at hand." While Muhlenberg is involved in many capital projects including the renovation of the fitness center and an extension to Seegers Union, Hurd said that the school was aware of the parking problem and has been attempting to solve it. He

presently, the College prohibits first-year students from bringing a vehicle to campus unless the Director of Campus Safety has granted previous permission. All students with vehicles on campus must register them with Campus Safety, and this rule is strictly enforced with heavy fines. The first time a student is found to have an unregistered car on campus, the fine is \$50.00. This increases to \$100 for a second violation, and a third violation results in the loss of housing lottery privileges. The ongoing parking Registration fee for all student vehicles for the 2002-2003 academic year is \$25.00, which started last Tuesday.

While the problem continues, however, the best advice is to walk whenever possible.

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Committee chosen

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After faculty nominations of potential students were compiled for the Committee, Thompson was interviewed and chosen as a student representative by the Trustees. From North Berwick, Maine, Thompson is an English major and Dana Scholar. The Trustees chose Williams because of his position as student body president. Williams is a Political Science major. He is originally from Kutztown, Pa. The members chosen were gracious for their selection. "I'm surprised and gratified at being selected," said Norling, "I'm ready for the job."

The faculty members are meant to represent the entire faculty at the College. "My faculty colleagues voted for me, and it's an honor to represent them,"

said Niesenbaum, "My goal is to listen to what [the faculty feels] is important... and reproduce those ideas to the Board Committee."

Thompson and Williams will represent the entire student body in the Committee. "I think it's great to have students on the Committee so that the student voice will be heard. Everyone will bring unique viewpoints to the job," said Thompson.

Choosing the Committee members was an extremely selective process. "They are all very very capable individuals," said Norling. He and the other members of the Committee will be able to bring ideas from the College community and their own experiences to each meeting.

"It's an enormous task. I'm going to give my all to it," said Williams.

Cigarettes snuffed at Seegers

BY JUSTIN BUCHBINDER
Weekly Staff Writer

New signs outside of the Student Union prohibit smoking in Parents' Plaza. The College, in an effort to improve campus appearance and student comfort, have put in effect a new policy concerning smoking in Parents' Plaza.

While the posted signs in front of Seegers Union are not very descriptive or clear, Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, elaborated that they are simply asking smokers to relocate from outside the front entrance to Seegers Union to the bridge that connects the Shankweiler building to the Trumbower building.

The policy was passed this summer because many non-smoking students and faculty had complained last year about cigarette smoke wafting through the front doors of the Union. However, the policy prohibits smoking not only in

front of the entryway, but also in all of Parents' Plaza.

Banning smoking in Parents' Plaza was included in the new policy because maintenance of the grounds is difficult with the abundance of cigarette butts.

As for enforcing the policy, there are no formal consequences presently in effect for smoking in the Parents' Plaza. "If Dean Ehrenberg walks through the plaza and finds someone smoking, he'll just ask them if they can move," said Lupole. The College is only asking the smoking populace to kindly move across the plaza.

The policy is not a ban of all cigarette smoking on campus, but rather a relocation of smokers to a lower



Smoking is no longer permitted in Parents' Plaza.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

traffic area.

Finally, it is stressed that this is not a policy affecting only students, but rather it is a policy that asks students, faculty and staff to not smoke directly in front of the Union. "We hope for understanding and consideration for the non-smokers on the campus," said Lupole.

Admissions up and rising

BY JAY JENSEN
Weekly Staff Writer

The College has a series of new faces that decorate the campus. This year, the College welcomes 547 first-year students. The freshman class came from as far as California and as close as Albright Street. The top intended majors they will be studying are Biology, Business and Theatre.

Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, reports high expectations for the Class of 2006 on many different levels. The freshman class has the highest combined SAT score in the College's history with 1201 composite.

Overall, Admissions was able to be more selective with the Class of 2006 than with any previous class.

The acceptance rate of students dropped slightly from last year's 35.3% acceptance of the Class of 2005 to the rate of 35.1% acceptance of the Class of 2006. This rate, placing the College among the most 100 selective colleges in the country, has been on a decline for several years, more than halving itself since 1995 at 74.2% acceptance.

The percent of students in the top tenth of their high school class has also increased from 37% last year to 39% this year. Over a seven-year period, the percentage of students in this bracket grew by 12%.

The Class of 2006 displays an extracurricular "energy," according to Hooker-Haring. Much of the admissions process concentrates on analyzing a student's ability to balance both academic and social activities.

Students of the Class of

2006 who applied to the College also applied to a competitive array of schools. Lafayette College, Gettysburg College, Rutgers University, Dickinson College and Skidmore College are the top five schools respectively that overlapped student applications with Muhlenberg.

The University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, Cornell University and other elite schools have climbed in the number of student application overlaps

"All of us have a responsibility for campus climate."

Christopher Hooker-Haring

as well.

Post Sept. 11 and its aftermath, Hooker-Haring mentions that students are looking for comfort at a school. The College's focus on a caring community may offer students just that comfort. The College is a small school where a student can be both academically challenged and socially involved.

Hooker-Haring predicts another success for the Class of 2007. Despite the change in presidency, high school seniors have expressed high interest in the College over this past summer. "[The presidential change] certainly has not discouraged people from coming to visit," said Hooker-Haring.

He went on to explain that the most important aspect of attracting students is how they are treated by the College community. "All of us have a responsibility for campus climate. How we choose to conduct ourselves will have a lot to do with the attraction," Hooker-Haring said.

Steffy takes presidential office

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has improved."

President Steffy also emphasizes his satisfaction derived from working on campus facilities. He found it "exciting to work with architects" and in deciding what kind of programs to expand and develop on cam-

"I want my door to be open to all students."

James Steffy

pus. Steffy also credits Curtis Dretsch, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, for considerable help in his work in facilities.

Steffy spent 26 years with Susquehanna University starting in 1959, where he was named Professor of Music followed by serving as the chair of the music department and conducting the university bands.

Steffy later held the position of Acting Vice President for academic affairs, as well as three

years as Dean of Continuing Education. In 1982 he was named Dean of Academic Services at the University, responsible for considerable responsibilities including marketing and enrollment planning, financial aid and continuing education operations. Reflecting on his diverse multitude of positions held at the University, Steffy said, "As I look back on what I've done, the warmest experience I've had is when I did work directly with students.

It's a different kind of satisfaction that one receives."

President Steffy maintains that although he will only serve the College as president for a relatively brief period (he has no wishes to become a long-term president), student and faculty programming should "continue without interruption, including [hosting] student dinners, Parents' Weekend, alumni events, et cetera."

Steffy explains that during the interim period, his responsibility is not to gen-

erate so many changes that it may pre-empt the duties of a new president. He has many decisions that cannot remain unmade until the position is filled by a new president, such as how large the class of 2007 should be. He plans to continue working to meet the goal of the College's \$70 million "Pride and Progress" campaign currently in operation. "Some things can't wait for the new president; we have to assure ourselves we don't let up on our efforts," he explains.

Presently, one of President Steffy's biggest challenges is becoming familiar with the students of the College, and having students become familiar with him.

He plans to hold a student forum in which students will have the opportunity to meet him and his wife, Nancy, and to ask questions they may have. Steffy highlighted the fact that he wants to continue fostering a close relationship with the student body, affirming, "I want my door to be open to all students."

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Board of Trustees gains new leadership

By MICHELLE QUIRK
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The Board of Trustees has elected two of its members to the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman. John Heffer, a 1968 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is the new Chairman of the Board, and Richard Brueckner, a 1971 graduate of the College, is the new Vice Chairman.

Originally from Chappaqua, N.Y., Heffer is the President of HSBC Business Credit (USA) Inc., the asset-based lending subsidiary of HSBC Bank USA. Heffer has been with HSBC and its predecessor Republic National Bank since 1990, and has been in the industry since 1971. His daughter Alison Heffer graduated from the College in 1996 and remains very involved, particularly with

Hillel and Academic Support Services. Heffer's son Douglas is a 2000 graduate of NYU.

Heffer was invited to join the Board of Trustees in 1994. He eventually

became the Vice Chairman and served in that position until this summer, when he became Chairman to fill the remainder of Dr. David Long's term.

"I liked what I saw as a Trustee, and given Alison's positive experience, I became deeply committed to Muhlenberg both as a Trustee and along with my wife, Barbara, as a financial supporter," said Heffer.

In his position as Chairman, Heffer sees his most important job as leading the College in its transition to a new president. Along with the Board, Heffer wants to make sure that the students get the same quality educational experience that has been the



John Heffer (left) and Richard Brueckner (right) have taken new leadership on the Board of Trustees.

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown – Despite a couple of cold, soggy days that held down the gate and the carnival take at the Allentown Fair, the concert series was among the most successful in the event's history. Every show more than paid the fair's booking cost, said Bonnie Brosious, the fair's marketing director and talent buyer. Toby Keith sold out the grandstand on Thursday. Meat Loaf fell less than 1,000 tickets shy of doing the same on Sunday. But the rain and unseasonably cold weather hurt the general admission turnout and the business on the carnival midway, which splits its take with the Lehigh County Agricultural Society. This year marked the 150th anniversary of the first fair.

Bethlehem – As students at Lehigh University and Moravian College head back to school, Bethlehem firefighters are also returning to campus under a new department policy some students question. The Fire Department recently began enforcing a city code calling for fire crews to respond to every alarm at those schools, officials said. In past years, the department allowed Lehigh and Moravian campus police to check alarms first and call fire crews if needed. In recent weeks, fire crews have been called to one or both campuses almost every day, often more than once a day, sometimes in the middle of the night. Lehigh's fraternity and sorority houses have been the most common source of alarms, fire records show.

ital campaign."

In addition to being a Trustee at Muhlenberg, Heffer is also a Trustee of the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, N.Y.

Richard Brueckner is the Managing Director and

Chief Operating Officer for Pershing/Credit Suisse First Boston. While at the College, he was an outstanding track athlete. His wife, Laurie, is a 1972 graduate, and their son, Richard, is in the Class of 2003.

"Richard has been involved in the securities industry for many years and

has received many awards for community service [and his work in the financial services]," said Michael Brueckner, Vice President of

the search for a new president, the Board will look for an individual who will uphold these values as well

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work closely with Rich."

John Heffer

as one who will support the momentum that Brueckner sees in this liberal arts community.

"The vision created by Arthur Taylor and the administration is exemplary," said Brueckner. "The Board will continue to support the initiatives undertaken that have brought success to the College."

The Board of Trustees is responsible for all aspects of

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Richard Brueckner

College's hallmark.

"Part of this process [of choosing a new president] is team-building among the Trustees, management, faculty and students. We are all together in this great enterprise we call Muhlenberg College," said Heffer.

As part of the team-building, Heffer believes he must be accessible and visible. Seen at the opening picnic and convocation, Heffer and his wife will be attending many of the College's functions on campus this year.

"We intend to participate in Parents' Weekend and Homecoming," said Heffer. "In addition, I will be attending alumni functions and meeting one-on-one with alumni as we continue our Pride and Progress cap-

Public Relations of the College.

Originally Chairman of the Finance Committee before being elected to the seat of Vice Chairman, Brueckner has served on the Board for three years. He plans to attend meetings of the various committees throughout the year and will oversee Board activities.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work closely with Rich," said Heffer. "His willingness to become Vice Chairman has greatly helped me in my role as Chairman. He is exceedingly capable, a true leader and unbelievably dedicated to Muhlenberg."

According to Brueckner, the values that underpin the College are unchanging. In

Parking solutions

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It is strongly recommended that students take advantage of the new 32-passenger shuttle bus the College recently purchased. The shuttle allows students to have mobility without taking up a parking space, offering rides to the Lehigh Valley Mall, Wegmans, nearby restaurants and other local stops. The shuttle runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, running nearly every hour. Starting Sept. 18 the College will experiment with running the shuttle on Wednesday nights as well to accommodate student needs.

Weekend Weather

Friday



Partly Cloudy

High: 79
Low: 56

Saturday



Partly Cloudy

High: 86
Low: 59

Sunday



Partly Cloudy

High: 81
Low: 62

Students research over summer

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Weekly Staff Writer

While most of the College community returned home for the summer, 23 conscientious students participated in Research Experiences in the Biochemical and Chemical Sciences.

This program allows students to conduct scientific research under the supervision of College faculty. Some students developed their own ideas and designed their own experiments while others consulted faculty members for research projects or help with their research ideas.

Each student was given a \$2,500 stipend, financed by donations from alumni, the National Science Foundation, Merck/AAS, Muhlenberg College, the Federal Department of Education, Berty Reaction Engineers and Clinical Analysis Corp.

Furthermore, two stu-

dents were selected for additional prestigious research programs at the University of Michigan and Boston Children's Hospital. These programs are financed by the University of Michigan and Dr. Leonard Zon '75, respectively.

This year's students pursued numerous interesting projects. Several students investigated chemical and morphological changes that humans and insects cause in plants. Others studied bog turtles and sea urchin mouthparts at Graver Arboretum.

A variety of projects involved chemical synthesis of phthalocyanines, often used as pigments, and other novel compounds. Finally, some projects included monitoring wildlife on campus and at the Arboretum using a new mapping system.

The application process varied significantly depending upon where financing for the research originated. A number of students were

required to submit formal proposals, while some applied through the chemistry department. Other students simply discussed their ideas with faculty members in order to have their ideas approved.

The following students took part in the summer research program: Susan Marchiano '04, Stephanie Melka '04, Kate Sensenig '04, Melissa Betof '04, Lindsay Bramson '04, Tony Trimboli '04, Emily Kluger '04, Lauren Mastro '03, Rebecca Lombel '03, Genna Albert '03, Rich Kipp '04,

Justin Lopchuk '03, Michael Lowe '04, Ryan Kennedy '04, Kristen Gaudio '03, Adam DiVincenzo '04, Joe Bedway '04, Erica Noréy '04, Stephanie Zettel '05, Jeff Dipple '03 and Brian Travernia '04.

This year's candidate for the Michigan program was Stephen Chen '04 and the candidate for Boston's program was Diana Bharucha '03.

While conducting research, the students made use of the College's technologically advanced scientific instrumentation, such as electron microscopes, a gas chromatography machine and mass spectrometer.

The students met twice a week with Dr. Donald Shive, head of the chemistry department, for discussions about their ongoing research. After many long hours of work, the students and faculty had the opportunity to relax. They enjoyed playing volleyball, exploring Allentown, having a picnic and simply winding down.

In a letter to alumni who contributed funds to the project, Dr. Shive wrote, "Quality students are attracted to Muhlenberg by the [research] program and, as they graduate, the experience is often the key to better jobs, or a better start in graduate school."

Bruekner and Heffer lead Trustees

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the College. There are a dozen organized committees that head one or another facet of running College functions. These committees include Finance and Investment, Student Life, Audit, Building and

Grounds, Nominations and Honorary Degrees, Religious Life, Development, Alumni, and Public Affairs, Education Policy, Faculty Affairs, Legal Affairs and Marketing.

College policies are established and changed as need-

ed by the Board, and it meets at least twice a year to discuss reports from the administration as to the state of the College. The Board also helps to raise money for the College, as well as helping to raise funds from other supporters.

Campus Safety Notes

August 20 - Vandalism - A wooden door leading to the basement of 407-409 N. 23rd Street was found damaged.

August 22 - Injured Student - A student received a head injury from a soccer ball on the soccer field. The student was transferred to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

August 24 - Unauthorized Persons - A college calendar company was selling products in Martin Luther Hall without a soliciting permit. The people involved were escorted off campus and issued a letter of trespass.

August 25 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Drug paraphernalia was found in an East Hall room. The resident was referred to the Judicial Process.

August 25 - Vandalism - An attempt was made to break into the coffee machine in the basement of Ettinger Hall.

August 26 - Arrest - Nick

E. Lentis was arrested by Campus Safety and the Allentown Police Department. He was charged with driving under the influence, possession, public drunkenness and underage drinking.

August 26 - Fire Alarm - Burnt food on a stove in 417 Leh Street set off the fire alarm.

August 26 - Sick Student - A student was ill in the Life Sports Center and was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at 17th and Chew Streets.

August 26 - Injured Student - A student received an injury to the jaw in the Life Sports Center and was transported to the Sacred Heart Hospital.

August 27 - Found Property - A footlocker filled with alcohol was found in the parking lot on 23rd Street.

August 27 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A person backing out of a space in the Trexler Library parking

lot hit a parked car.

August 28 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A car parked in the MacGregor parking lot was found covered in ketchup and an unknown white substance, and tampons and condoms were affixed to the vehicle.

August 29 - Theft from Vehicle - A car parked on 26th and Chew Streets had an Alpine DVD player, navigational unit and radar detection stolen out of the vehicle. The door lock of the car was also found punctured.

August 30 - Attempted Theft - Two white males were spotted attempting to steal an employee's golf cart while it was parked behind the Trexler Library. The employee, a housekeeper cleaning the Library, saw the attempt but the males escaped.

August 30 - Injured Employee - An employee tripped on the Front Drive and injured the right side of the head and eye. The employee was transported

to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at 17th and Chew Streets.

August 30 - Suspicious Persons - A non-student, Benjamin Zises of New York, N.Y., was arrested for possession of a false ID.

August 30 - Investigation - A suspicious substance was found in a letter in the mailroom. The substance was found to be a type of creamer or sugar.

August 30 - Alcohol Violation - An intoxicated student was transported to the hospital from Brown Hall. The case has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 1 - Suspicious Person - A non-student guest of a Walz Hall resident was issued a letter of trespass.

Sept. 1 - Fire Alarm - A power outage in the Haas College Center caused the fire alarm to go off.

Sept. 1 - Alcohol Violation - A student was

found passed out in a Prosser Hall men's bathroom. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 2 - Fire Alarm - Steam from a shower caused a fire alarm to go off in the AXO sorority house.

Sept. 2 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm at 316 N. 26th Street went off due to steam from a shower.

Sept. 3 - Elevator problem - A person was stuck in the elevator in the Center for the Arts. Allentown Fire Department responded.

Sept. 3 - Codes Violation - College furniture was left outside a suite in MacGregor Village.

Sept. 3 - Alcohol Violation - David S. Armstrong was arrested at a wine and spirits shop at 1918 Allen Street and was referred to the Judicial Process. He was arrested for false identification, misrepresentation of age and underage possession of alcohol.

Freshman Orientation Weekend

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nity to arrive on campus early and participate in one of the five pre-Orientation programs. Because the College's pre-Orientation trips are individualized, it gives participants a chance to meet students with similar interests. Dean Wilson referred to these trips as the "jewel in the crown of Orientation [because they] bring students together in a very meaningful environment."

This year's trips included "Seeing with Language,"

"Helping Habitat for Humanity," "New in New York," "A River Runs Through It," and "Backpacking Along the Trail."

The events of this Orientation weekend were similar to those of past Orientations.

Committee member Sarina Ahuja commented, "A microcosm of Muhlenberg life was presented to the first-year students during Orientation weekend, where issues of academic integrity, diversity, sexual harassment,

Muhlenberg history and typical student life were presented."

Throughout the weekend, students participated in activities, speakers and games, all meant to orient them with the College, but also to help them establish friendships with one another.

Cohen explained the Committee's objectives as making Orientation "a good transition from high school to college but also making it as fun as possible."

One major change from the traditional Orientation

weekend was the Welcome Back Carnival which was held in place of "Casino Night."

The Carnival included bumper boats in the pool, bouncy boxing, a basketball tournament, food, dancing and a



Upperclassmen help freshmen move into Prosser Hall (top and bottom).

PHOTOS BY LAUREN WIESNER

coffee house.

Student Advisor Mackenzie Parke '04 commented, "I think the freshmen liked the carnival, which I also thought was pretty good, much better than the casino night we had our freshman year." Cohen added, "The Carnival instead of Casino Night was a big success."

Another new event was the student-organized talent show, hosted by Saenz de Viteri. This show, held on Saturday evening, included singing groups such as

the Dynamics and the Girl's Next Door, comedy groups such as *Some Things Have to be Done*, and dance groups such as the *Soul Sound Steppers* and jazz tap.

Dean Wilson explained that this night was not only for enjoyment but also to showcase some of the wonderful groups Muhlenberg has to offer. "There's so much talent at Muhlenberg that we decided incoming students should see some of it," she added.

The Talent Show and Carnival also allowed students to meet people outside of their advising group. Student Advisor Parke commented, "Events like the talent show and carnival brought the different groups together and allowed the students to all interact."

Yet, the biggest successes of the weekend were the numerous bonds formed among both Advisors and advisees, as well as the levels of comfort that were achieved before the rest of campus arrived.

Student Advisor Matt

Light '04 commented, "Even if the [freshmen] did not meet people they will be friends with, it helped them mix together and feel more comfortable in the new environment."

Fellow Student Advisor Mike Posternack '05 also commented, "This weekend allowed the first year students to feel a lot more com-

"Events like the talent show and carnival brought the different groups together and allowed the students to all interact."

Mackenzie Parke '04

Taylor presidency terminated

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and head of the Music Department Ludwig Lenel, early in the summer. In an eight-page letter to the members of the Board of Trustees, the faculty and staff at the College, Lenel outlined various reasons he believed Taylor should be removed from office.

The letter apparently struck a chord and the Board voted unanimously on June 12 to constitute a committee to investigate Taylor's ability to preside over the College. In the meeting, the Board also decided to reconvene on Aug. 20 to further consider Taylor's future at the College.

However, that two-month period was cut short.

Then-Vice Chairman of the Board John Heffer called a special meeting to take place on July 12 to discuss Taylor's future at the College. This came as

Ludwig Schlecht, who was the chairman of the Faculty Personnel and Policy Committee at the time, was prepared to initiate a no confidence vote against Taylor. While there was much speculation about the agenda for the meeting, attorneys representing Taylor and Long attempted to halt proceedings.

This meeting was disputed by a number of Board members as it diverged from standard procedures. Under the rules of the Board, the chairman—at the time, David Long—must call for a special meeting to take place.

The day prior, Long sought an injunction against the Board, which would have prevented the special meeting to take place. But immediately after Lehigh County Judge Lawrence Brenner opened the hearing, Long withdrew his request for a preliminary injunction as the College's Trustees

and Taylor had reached an agreement.

The meeting took place on July 12, and the Board voted to approve the agreement.

Although only 21 of the 38 voting members were present, quorum rules for such proceedings mandate only a simple majority for an official meeting. They also reinstated Curtis Dretsch as Dean of the College for Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dretsch had been placed on administrative leave by Taylor in June. The Board further named Kent Dyer as acting President and named John Heffer and Rich Brueckner as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board.

As mentioned above, on Aug. 16, the Board named James Steffy as interim President.

At press time, Arthur Taylor was unable to comment.



WEEKLY

Life!

"Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued."

-Socrates

Question of the week:

What famous personality would you like to see as a professor at Muhlenberg?



"Billy Joel, because I think he has a lot of interesting things to say in music and he can be very philosophical."

-Kim Wert '03

"Shakira for Spanish class, because she's Columbian and probably knows Spanish pretty well."

-Mike Saratovsky '04



"Tom Cruise, because he would be very pleasing to look at."

-Heather van Hoogt '04

"Jenna Jamison for the healthy lifestyles department, because her office hours would be wide open."

-Ben Jaffe '03



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Martin Art Gallery displays highly acclaimed Rembrandt etchings

BY LAUREN DEFELLIPO
Weekly Staff Writer

Not only an astounding painter, the artist known as Rembrandt van Rijn's produced profound etchings that changed artistic history. These remarkable etchings have made an appearance at the Martin Art Gallery in the Baker Center for the Arts. This well-anticipated display features a selection of the artist's work, and is now open to all students until Oct. 11, 2002.

Rembrandt lived from 1606 to 1669, and in that short amount of time he received great acclamation for his artistry. He changed and experimented with the medium of etching more than it had ever been toyed with, displaying a new type of artistry for the time period.

Rembrandt is well known and widely acclaimed because of his fundamental importance in artistic creation. He invented many interesting techniques that were never before seen, which proved interesting for a constantly growing and changing audience.

Before Rembrandt began to use the etching process as art, it was commonly used for large print production. Rembrandt, however, did not originally use professional printmakers to put his artwork out on the market. Instead, his etchings were for his own enjoyment.

The techniques that Rembrandt used were much more difficult and multifaceted than other popular etchings of the time. He used a type of etching known as drypoint, where the artist scratches a needle into an etching plate. This



The Rembrandt etchings on display in the Martin Art Gallery are highly emotional drawings in most cases. This work--*Stoning of St. Stephen*--was created in 1635. Rembrandt gives amazing feeling to the subjects' faces with each stroke.

type of medium was very difficult to use, therefore not many artists experimented with it. Rembrandt's skills showed him as a highly skilled artisan.

Rembrandt's subjects were mostly religious in nature. There are, however, a number of etchings of various commoners, including golf players, old women and shepherds. He also sketched scenic landscapes and small towns.

The Martin Art Gallery is one of the most prestigious college art galleries in the

Lehigh Valley area. In celebrating Rembrandt this month, the artwork was compiled from his different collections at the Reading Museum of Art, Franklin and Marshall College, Bryn Mawr College and of course, Muhlenberg's own Martin Gallery.

The show consists of about 50 prints by Rembrandt and shows off the beautiful detail that the artist tried to convey when experimenting with his creativity. Stop in the art gallery to view these incredible etchings.

Four walls: Life in your dorm



Mike Yellin '05 and Lauren Leavitt '05 show off the Liberian tapestry in Leavitt and Greta Bergstresser's '05 room.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

You know the feeling. You walk into your dorm room on the first day and think that there is no way you can turn this small, dusty, badly arranged room into livable space. But, eventually you do manage to arrange the bed, dresser

and armoire so that the room is functional. Yet, there is still something missing.

At this point, you look at the poorly painted cream colored walls and realize that you are in desperate need of some sticky tack, high school pictures and a bean bag chair. That's right; it's time to decorate.

Every college student, of

course, decorates their walls with some sort of posters and snapshots. That's nothing new. It's important to realize, however, that you are not limited to high school prom pics and posters of Dave Matthews Band.

Greta Bergstresser '05 suggests, "Use posters of classical paintings, and contemporary photographs to create an eclectic blend of decorations." Bergstresser herself has scenic shots arranged vertically along one wall and copies of paintings by Salvador Dali and Gustav Klimt on the other. Even if you are not into art and pictures of flowering fields seem a little too girly for you, it's nice to have even a little something on the walls.

"It's all about the wall décor. Nothing makes your room go from zero to hero like some fabulous posters," says Mike Yellin, '05.

To add some interesting texture to balance the flatness of the posters, why not try hanging some dried flowers from the top of the walls?

To dry flowers properly, select flowers from a bouquet just as they begin to wilt. Roses are a popular choice, but orchids, tiger

a string or ribbon to the end of the flowers and tie the string somewhere where the flowers can dry upside down and undisturbed. Roses and daffodils dry quickly, while orchids and lilies may take a week or more. The flowers must dry completely before you move them.

Also, consider your shades. They are often less than desirable, so why not cover them up? This does not mean you have to run out and purchase curtains. You might be surprised what you can do with stuff you have hanging around. Many students have tapestries as an interesting wall



Mike Yellin '05 chills on his futon, a piece of furniture that he labels as "abstract pieces of dorm furniture goodness."

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Once you have the flowers dried you can hang bundles from ribbons that you attach to the wall, or you can tie individual flowers to a string spaced at even intervals and hang the entire string along a wall, Lauren Leavitt '05 suggests.

piece. With a little twist of the fabric and some hooks you can make that same tapestry into a sort of valance to cover those boring shades. Bergstresser has a hand dyed tapestry from Liberia over her windows, and an Ecuadorian blanket thrown over her desk chair. Those tapestries clearly have more than one use.

Besides throwing a tapestry over your chair, you might want to think about what you can do with furniture to make it more appealing to the eye. Furnishings, in general, are not that interesting, but a throw pillow or a futon can really add a 'homey' feel to your room. As Yellin states, "Futons. It's all about those multi-purposed, fully functional, abstract pieces of dorm furniture goodness." Clearly, seating is more than just a place to sit in, it can also add a different look to your dorm setup.

Even if you cannot fit a full sized futon in your room, you can still work with what the room does have. Bergstresser put a fake fire in her fireplace and decorated the mantle with various pictures and sand art. As Bergstresser says, "A fake fire--that's very creative. Who else has a fake fire?"

Mule comedy: Uninvited Guests return

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
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The usually quiet Door Café was transformed into a hot house of laughter and a lack of available space last Wednesday night, with the welcomed comeback of Muhlenberg alumni, the Uninvited Guests.

As friends chatted about their expectations for the show, a large black curtain shadowed the appearance of four humbly dressed young men, visibly void of the paper bags that adorned their posters around campus.

While the quartet was a known favorite to upper-classmen, many of the sophomores and freshmen witnessed their performance for the first time. The players showcased an improvisational style of comedy, which proved effective for their cheering crowd. Most everyone seemed to enjoy

themselves.

The first few scenarios were directed by a sharp-witted narrator who relied on the overflowing suggestions of their crowd. Some included a Shakespearean style of fighting that took place in a laundromat.

The highlight of the show came about when the crowd was asked for a significant event that had happened in the past week. The response brought up a freshman girl who had just ended a relationship with her boyfriend. The scenario was acted out in musical form with a culmination of an actual phone call to the boyfriend.

Needless to say, it was the kind of humor that could have only been funny to those detached from the issue.

Although the show may not be up to *Who's Line Is it Anyway* standards, it was a great and also economical performance to catch on a Wednesday night.



It's important to work with what you have in a room. A fake fire in a fireplace makes "wasted space" homey and inviting.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

lilies and daffodils are all good selections, as they keep most of their shape and color when they dry. To begin, dry the flowers in small bundles and gather them with a rubber band or dry individually. Simply tie

Once your walls are decorated you might want to consider your windows. Try filling empty Snapple bottles with colored water and placing them on the sill to let the light shine through.

La comida: You gotta have it; you might as well play

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Food. Whether it's the infamous "Freshman Fifteen" or a discussion related to the origins of the meat in GQ hamburgers, it's an extremely common topic of conversation on campus. Since everyone knows that pasta with marinara can get boring and that tofu is not everyone's meal of choice, here are some ideas on how to jazz up your college culinary experience. The foods are fairly easy to make, even for the cooking challenged. And who knows? You might find yourself with a little Emeril in you after all.*

Tostada

Use a large plate or pasta bowl. Place a tortilla on the bottom. Top with a few rounded scoops of refried beans. Spread the beans out with a spoon or fork. Add a scoop of ground beef (chicken may be substituted). Head over to the salad bar and add a layer of lettuce. Back at the Mexican foodstation, sprinkle your creation with shredded cheese, tomato, and a dollop of sour cream. Drizzle on salsa as dressing and enjoy.

Crunchy Banana Parfait

Using a glass mug or tall drinking glass, fill the bottom quarter of the cup with vanilla fro-yo. Add a layer of granola, or a similar

cereal, then top with 3 or so banana slices. Repeat the yogurt, granola, banana pattern until the glass is almost full. Add a little extra fro-yo and another sprinkling of granola. Top with a cherry (optional). Note: If bananas do not appeal to you, you may use granola or cereal of any type without the fruit. Lucky Charms are especially tasty. You may also want to try Cocoa Puffs or Frosted Flakes.

*If you have any interesting recipes that are well-suited to the student lifestyle (microwave or Garden room recipes are in demand), write them up and send them to box 2776 or email them to aphillip@muhlenberg.edu.



The Crunchy Banana Parfait is easy to make.

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Sho-far'



Jews mark the New Year by sounding a ram's horn in distinctive patterns during and at the end of prayer services. "Shofar" is the Hebrew word for a trumpet. It has been traditionally identified as a ram's horn—not from any other animal—in honor of the ram that was sacrificed in place of the noble ancestor, Isaac (Genesis 21). Many imaginative interpretations have been connected to the shofar; some say it recalls the voice of God at Sinai when the Torah was given, others that it confuses Satan and prevents him from accusing Jews before God on the Day of Judgment (Yom Kippur). The sound of the horn is piercing and unmistakable, so it always draws attention to the themes of renewal, freedom, and promise that are associated with its use.

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Top 5 Reasons why GQ is cool:

- 5) Friday Pasta, despite the 45 minute wait
- 4) Bagel Bombs and soda on Friday and Saturday nights after 11 p.m., all in one swipe
- 3) Stealing half the bowl of the free M&M packets at holiday time when no one is looking
- 2) GQ Gary!
- 1) Unlimited honey mustard sauce and unfettered Old Bay Seasoning

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?? SPONSORED BY MAC

Friday, September 6

- 9pm-10:30pm Red Door Band "Audio Pantalones"
- 10pm-2am Student Union Lobby Super Imposed Photos
- 10:30pm-12:30am Student Union Lobby Ted Conner's Jazz Show
free coffee & desserts

Saturday, September 7

- 10pm-Midnight Red Door Band "Alfred James Band"
- 10pm-2am Student Union Lobby Name Beads & Virtual Reality

Wednesday, September 11
5pm Mac Meeting Trumbower 130

horoscopes

Courtesy of Astrology.com

Aries

Distractions morph into disruptions. You were hoping to keep the random elements under control, but it's not happening that way. Stick with the plan, and hope that everyone else does what's right.

Taurus

Roll with the changes. Maybe you're here by accident, but this is where you belong. Favorite teachers from last year are happy to see your face again.

Gemini

You may be feeling the effects of empty pockets, especially when you compare your lack of money with all the cash you see others rolling around in. You'll be just fine.

Cancer

Your teacher or boss sees you for what you're worth. You have increased juice with your posse. Truly important business happens over breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Leo

An old rumor gets back to you. Luckily, this doesn't matter so much any more, but it answers a lot of questions. Is there any further question about who your real friends are? This is an excellent moment to trash a bad habit.

Virgo

There's a buzz happening here. You're plugged in. By now, people expect you to spout good news. Your flavors of the day are cool and savvy.

Libra

Your feelings aren't logical, but here they are. Don't be a victim of your own temptation. Listen to what people are actually saying instead of what you want them to say.

Scorpio

Authority figures get out of your face and let you do your job. Strip away all the extra stress, and suddenly you're a star. There's no such thing as busywork when you have

such a good grip on the consequences of your actions.

Sagittarius

You're so done with pretending. This opens a major can of worms, but you're finally ready to deal with it. Now drop a class that wasn't right for you.

Capricorn

You have a good shot at being the president or captain of something. Even if you don't end up as a leader, your efforts are still worth so much.

Aquarius

Your on-campus job doesn't have to be your life career. Think of it as going to a class that pays you. Keep your opinions to yourself.

Pisces

Be nice to everyone. If you're dating somebody from another clique, you start wondering about the superficial things that make you different.

Movies at AMC Tilghman

for September 5th and 6th

Austin Powers in Goldmember

Thurs. 5:20, 7:50

Fri. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

Simone

Thurs. 5:00, 7:30

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

Blue Crush

Thurs.

5:30, 7:50

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10



Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams

Thurs.

5:20, 7:40

Fri. 4:15, 7:15, 9:40

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Thurs. 5:50, 8:10

Fri. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15

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Thurs. 5:10, 7:45

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:15

Serving Sara

Thurs. 5:50, 8:15

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

City by the Sea (Special Engagement)

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

Signs

Thurs. 5:40, 8:00

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

Michael Somerville creates comfortable, comic atmosphere in the Red Door

By JOANNA BZIK
Weekly Staff Writer

What do you get when you cross an outspoken New Jersey native, a microphone and MAC? Michael Somerville's show at the Red Door on Friday, Aug. 30. Somerville, a comedian who has been in various commercials and on MTV's Beach House, performed an hour-long show that poked fun at family, relationships, and growing up. Interested in audience reaction, he even read portions of a "How to Be a Gentleman" book that his ex-girlfriend bought for him.

Most of the audience easily related to the topics Somerville covered. Perhaps that was because he is only a few years out of college himself. He remembers what it is like to have a

roommate and to hit the snooze button one too many times before a morning class.

Somerville developed an easy rapport with the audience, asking questions about hometowns, majors and families. He was not afraid to joke about the neighborhoods in his own home state of New Jersey, and the audience members were not afraid to crack a few jokes of their own. After Somerville made a joke criticizing janitors, one person claimed to actually be a janitor, and it became a running gag throughout the rest of the show.

The performance was relaxed and comfortable, and the audience enjoyed the chance to participate. They could tell that Somerville was having fun telling everyone about himself, and he loved being able to lighten the mood after

everyone's first full week of classes.

If you enjoyed Michael Somerville's show or just need a little more humor in your life, you can be sure that there are more great comic acts to come.

Upcoming Chapel Events

Saturday, Sept. 7

5 PM Freshman Mixer at ChapelHouse

Sunday, Sept. 8

1 PM Worship in Chapel

2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse

6 PM LSM Meeting at ChapelHouse

7 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse

Tuesday, Sept. 10

9 PM Bible Study in Chapel

10 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 11 12:30 PM Prayer Service in Chapel

* The ChapelHouse is located at 2206 Chew St. *

Football kicking off the season

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the starting back. Bernardo will be protected by an offensive line that last season tied a school record for allowing Mule runners to score a collective 32 rushing touchdowns. The 2002 team includes two of last year's starters in 2nd team All Centennial Conference member Justin Hurlburt and All Centennial Conference Honorable Mention selection John Blankenhagen both of whom are about to enter their senior seasons.

The offensive line received a major loss earlier this week when projected starter Junior Chris Radomski badly injured his knee during practice and will have surgery in the near future.

Senior Oscar Shoy, Junior Randy Holak and Freshmen Tim Opiel and Mike Leanch will all see significant playing time on the Offensive Line.

A 2nd team All Centennial Conference selection in 2001, Senior Justin Jones returns for a second season as the Mules' starting quarterback.

Like Bernardo, Jones also put his has a school record for rushing for 8 touchdowns last year, the most ever by a Mules' quarterback.

The mobile quarterback showed his accuracy and arm strength in the 2001 campaign by throwing for 1,519 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Sophomore Justin Saverine will again handle the kicking duties while Chris Reed, an All Centennial Conference 2nd team member last year will continue to be the punter, in this his senior year.

The Mules' kept their solid defensive core in tact, which will be anchored by a defensive line. This line consists of Senior Tri-Captain Mike Koth, classmates Tyler Cathey (a 2nd team All Centennial Conference selection in the 2001 season) Jon Buglione as well as Junior Nick Otranto. Otranto showed flashes of brilliance last season when he started the last two games and wound up with a team high six sacks.

Sherry, a first Team All Centennial Conference selection in 2001, leads all active players in career tack-

les with 168 and tackles for a loss (14.5) will head a young Linebacking corps that includes Junior Tony Briscella and Sophomore Dan Walker, both of whom have had excellent preseason and are expected to be big contributors in 2002.

A pair of Juniors, Thany Petrakis and Dan Miller, will be the Mules' starting Safeties. At the Cornerback position, two year All Conference selection Senior Jordan Wright, who had 43 tackles, 6 pass breakups and

a pair of interceptions last Fall will man one corner spot. While fellow senior classmate Bo Rodrigues who had 44 tackles and 2 interceptions as the Mules' nickel back in 2001 will be the other starting Cornerback.

Sherry noted that over course of the last two and half weeks, "The team has come together really well and we are all determined to have a great season."

The teams season opener is Sat. Sept. 7 at 2:00pm.

Cross Country's on the run

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there is every reason to think the Mules may very well reach their goal this season. After having finished 6th at the CC Championships and 10th at the Regional Championship in 2001. This season the Women's team looks to improve. The Mules will now look towards a quartet of Juniors to lead them this season. Gail Morris, Erica Norey and Co-Captains Diana Garretto and

Stephanie Melka will be the featured runners. "Our team goals for the season are to come in top five in the Conference [Championships] and top ten in the region [championships]," said Melka. One gets the feeling that a team whose top four runners were on the CC Academic Honor Roll and who are no strangers to the high levels of competition, might be able to surpass their own expectation.



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Volleyball digs into the new season

BY JAMIE SLIVKA
Weekly Staff Writer

With an 20-11 outstanding record last year and tying for the Centennial Conference for the regular season Co-champions, the volleyball team appears to be dominating their conference once again.

The women are a very solid and well-rounded team, with four returning seniors, Meaghan Billie, Dana Ferrelli, Lisa Giammalovo and Jennifer Leigh. Also returning is junior captain, Maria Polvka.

Coach Jennifer Warmack-Chipman enthusiastically commented that, "Experience and leadership will be the key to our success." Leadership from

these seniors should be anything but difficult, since they have been playing together since their freshmen year. Meaghan Billie, playing middle/outside lead the team in kills at 348. Lisa Giammalovo also lead defensively with 69 blocks at the end of the 2001 season. This year the NCAA has also added a new position, the libero, which will allow this defense specialist to have unlimited substitution opportunities. This position will more than likely be filled by Jennifer Leigh.

Not only will the experienced upperclassmen play a huge role in the 2002 season, but also an important part is the incoming freshmen. Senior Captain Dana

Ferrelli has already noticed the impact that the underclassmen will have on the outcome of their season, "They are a talented class, who will mix well with the returning players."

Four freshmen that will be seeing the court this season are Julie Lauro who will be a starting outside hitter, Mary Henning and Emily Reardon will compete with Allison Auclair for starting setter positions, and Sarah Kaufhold at middle/outside.

This optimistic and very talented team has set an attainable goal of winning the Centennial Conference this year.

The team will be hosting the Buttermaker Tournament this weekend.

Mules off and running

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Asst. Sports Editor

Bethlehem, Pa. will be the birthplace of the 2002 season for the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams on Friday, Sept. 6th at the Lehigh Invitational.

The Men's squad looks to start where it left off last season, which was a record tying 4th place in the C C Championships and 8th place finish in the Regional Championships. The 2001 squad was in the words of Head Coach Linda Andrews, "The largest and most talented team we ever had [in the program's history]."

That statement could be applied to this year's team that includes all the runners

from last season's Conference and Regional team. Gallagher will once again be joined by fellow Senior tri-captain Robin Holden and Junior Rob Uniszkiewicz, who made the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll and like Brendan Gallagher was a 2nd Team All Centennial Conference and All Region selection. In addition to Gallagher, Holden and Uniszkiewicz, the Mules will have Senior tri-captain Will Elson back in the fold. Even though Elson took a year off from school, he still "will be a strong contributor" said Linda Andrews.

"Our goal is to go to the national championships," Gallagher said. With this deep and talented lineup,

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Field Hockey already with a win

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their goal is to make it to the playoffs this season.

The Field Hockey girls definitely proved to us that they are serious about getting to the playoffs this year.

The team had a great season opener defeating the Delaware Valley Aggies 5-0. This was all the proof we needed.

The team came out strong from the very beginning. Leading the team was Captin Holly Pico, Laura

Diez, Danielle Klien, Sristen Bruschi and Alexa Sterbinsky.

The domination started with the first goal from Laura Diez, assisted by Kristen Bruschi. Bruschi's assist was just the beginning for her. Bruschi took the second goal assisted by Lauren Jacobs as well as the third goal.

The third goal was a penalty stroke, which she shot right past the keeper.

Scoring the next goal was Holly Pico, assisted by

Alexa Sterbinsky, who made her career debut as well as making the last goal of the game, which was assisted by teammate Katie Thomas.

The team was extremely powerful defensively as well. Captain Kristen Best contributed greatly, along with keeper Josephine Fasolino.

There was no part of the field that the Mules didn't control.

The team came together and proved themselves, to be a threat in the Centennial Conference.

Women's Soccer is the team to beat this season

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

With everyone returning from last year and some promising freshman coming in, the second consecutive C C Champions appear to have the ability and what it possess to do it again. Last year the women's soccer team set the school record for wins -- nineteen, consecutive wins-- seventeen and shutouts-- twelve. Returning are nine starters one of which is

Dawn Iberer, who was Second Team All-America in the 2001 season. Dawn lead the team last year with sixteen goals. Also returning, 2001's First-Team All-Mid Atlantic selection Sophomore Rebecca Armstrong. Rebecca was last year's second leading scorer with nine goals and eight assists. In goal is Senior Captain Kim Laurino who was First-Team All-CC and CC Academic

Honor Roll. Last season with nine shutouts she set the school records which contributes to her career shutouts of twenty-one. Additionally, Senior Captain Jamie Gluck, Honorable Mention in the C C, ended her 2001 season by adding three goals, two assists and eight points. Contributing greatly, as well, are the backfielders. They are Junior Katrina Custance who was Second Team All-

C C and Academic Honor Roll selection in the 2001 season, along with Monica Jones, and Sharon Seggel. The team is equally balanced in all positions. This gives the women a great chance of having another perfect regular season, 10-0. Coach Leslie Benintend's outlook is to "defend their title and have a good season." This well-balanced team has what it takes to continue what they've already started.

Scoreboard



Men's Soccer

Fri. August 30, Muhlenberg vs. MacCalester, 1-0.

Goal by Evan Smallwood

Sat. August 31, Muhlenberg vs. Rochester Institute of Technology, 1-0.

Goal by Tom Hartey

Women's Soccer

Sat. August 31, LeMoyne vs. Muhlenberg, 5-2.

Dawn Iberer lead the Mules with two goals.

Sun. September 1, Muhlenberg vs. Oswego State, 4-2.

Dawn Iberer lead the Mules with three goals.



Volleyball

Fri. August 30, Marian vs. Muhlenberg, 3-0. Meghan Billie lead with eight kills.

Fri. August 30, Mount St. Claire vs. Muhlenberg, 3-2.

Julie Lauro lead the Mules with thirteen kills.

Fri. August 30, Palm Beach Atlantic vs. Muhlenberg, 3-0. Dana Ferrelli lead the Mules with nine kills.

Sat. August 31, Concordia vs. Muhlenberg, 3-0.

Dana Ferrelli lead the Mules with six kills.



Field Hockey

Sat. August 31, Muhlenberg vs. Delaware Valley, 5-0.

Kristen Bruschi lead the Mules with two goals.

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New season, new goals for Mules

Football looks to kick off the season with a win

BY EVAN JAFFEE
Asst. Sports Editor

Only a three-point loss prevented the 2001 Centennial Conference Co-Championship football team from receiving a highly coveted bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament. Although the Mules did receive their second consecutive post-season bid to the ECAC Southeast Conference Championship game. However, 2002 is a new season and the Mules are hungrier than ever.

After a disappointing end of their 2001 season, the Mules appear even more focused on their ultimate goal of making it to the NCAA championship tournament.

"There is no long term thinking, we have to focus on things we can control," said Head Coach Mike Donnelly, who in his six years at the helm of the football program has transformed the Mules into a

force to be reckoned against.

It was the same sentiment echoed by Tri-Captain Senior Beau Sherry who commented "We have to



Justin Jones looks for an open receiver.

MUHLENBERG WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

take one game at a time."

Offensively the Mules have to fill the void left by the graduation of Third Team All-American Wide Receiver Josh Carter, but

Donnelly believes that void will be filled by the emergence of five capable wide receivers.

Senior Tri Captain Alfredo Mercuri, who was a 2nd Team All Centennial Conference selection in 2001 and two classmates, Raushan Person and Toomey Anderson will join Juniors Kodi Shay and Kyle Frieda as the receivers expected to see lots of playing time this season, though high hopes are on the shoulders of Shay, who has had an extraordinary preseason, thus far.

Senior Jeff Dipple and Junior Rob Sherman will be the Mules' two starting tight ends.

Junior Matt Bernardo, the team's All-Conference Running Back, who ran for 1,038 yards and put his name in school record books by rushing for 19 touchdowns in a season, is

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Men's Soccer starts off on the right foot

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Sports Writer

After working the 1-0 victory with Evan Smallwood '04 scoring the goal. This was a proud win for Muhlenberg with Macalester being ranked 16th in the nation.

In the finals, Muhlenberg played the host team, RIT, and took another 1-0 win with Tom Hartey '03 scoring the team's goal.

After the tournament, five of Muhlenberg's players were placed on the "All Tournament Team":

Chris Davis '05, Justin Henning '04, Ben Long '03, Mike

Hochkeppell '03 and Quentin McDowell '03.

Captain Ben Long '03, commented on this year's team, "We have a solid core of upperclassmen who will make the majority of the starting line up, yet we also have a very talented freshmen class."

With such a great start at this tournament, the men predict a victorious season.

Long commented, "Our goal as a team is to win the Centennial Conference Tournament." The winner of the Centennial Conference goes on to play in the NCAA tournament.

Field Hockey, 5-0, proves they're serious about making it to the playoffs

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The Field Hockey team have an excited unified team. It doesn't seem like anything will get in their way of making it to the conference playoffs.

This year, although the team is enthusiastic and ready to go, Coach Kristen Stuckel says, "They'll take each game day by day."

A key returnee to the game, playing in goal is Senior Captain Josephine Fasolino who was All-Centennial Conference

Honorable Mention last season. Josephine Fasolino had 123 saves in the 2001 season taking her career saves to 365. With her 365 saves, Fasolino is ranked second in team history. She only needs 34 more to be the all time leader.

Other returning defensive players are Senior Captain Kristen Best and Sophomore Sarah Fosdick. Supporting them will be Sophomore Pam Coakley and Freshman Katie Isselee.

Also returning for the forward line are Senior Captain Holly Pico, who lead the team last year with

7 goals and 17 points, Senior Captain Laura Diez who had five goals in the 2001 season, and Sophomore Kristen Bruschi.

Juniors Kristen Kastner, Danielle Klien, Freshmen Shana Tuttle, Alexa Sterbinsky and Katie Thomas will support them.

Returning in the mid are Juniors Lauren Jacobs and Alissa Maurer. Stepping up in the mid are Sophomore Andrea Sebright, Emily Gargula and Freshman Stephanie Light.

This team has a great base of returning players and several new freshmen

joining the team.

Coach Stuckel says the girls have a theme for the season, "action," and they've come up with a slogan for the season, "You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

This team is well rounded and enthusiastic about the 2002 season and their goal is to make it to the



Holly Pico gets ready to make a pass.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

Committee finds search firm

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

One step closer to finding a new president, the Presidential Search Committee chose a search firm to assist in selecting candidates for interviewing. At the first meeting of the Committee this past Thursday, A.T. Kearney Executive Search firm was chosen to help place a new President at the College. Among those present at the meeting to choose the search firm were Dr. Fred Norling, Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio and students Seth Williams '03 and Abigail Thompson '03. Dr. Richard Niesenbaum did not attend the meeting.

A.T. Kearney Executive Search firm has a division that deals specifically with higher education occupation placement. They have recently placed presidents at institutions including Bates College, Bowdoin College,

Colby College, Colgate University, Dartmouth College, Goucher College, Rowan University, Rutgers University and Skidmore College.

A.T. Kearney will visit campus within a few weeks to interview various constituencies of the College. "This will be done all in an effort to be able to represent accurately Muhlenberg to prospective candidates," explains Jim Steffy, Interim President.

No candidates have been selected as of yet for the interviewing process. "The challenge is to find the best qualified person available who is a right fit for the position," said Steffy. The firm's visit will work to establish its representation of the College for prospective presidents. Once candidates are determined, the interviewing process will become confidential. The identities of prospective

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Campus alerted of Allentown rape

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

The Allentown Police Department alerted the College's Department of Campus Safety on Friday that an assault and rape occurred at Cedar Beach on Wednesday, Sept. 4. In compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Act of 1990, the campus community is required to be alerted that the suspect was a white male with blond, curly hair in his late twenties. He was driving a white conversion

van with gold and black pin-striping and a gray-blue interior.

The suspect was walking an Irish Setter and used the dog to lure the victim to his vehicle.

The Allentown Police could not be reached.

Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole was not able to disclose any more information.

All students are encouraged to call the Allentown Police at 911 or Campus Safety at (484) 664-4403 if the van or someone fitting the suspect's description is seen.

Renovations enter beginning stages on campus



The Life Sports Center will undergo drastic changes within the year.

PHOTO BY LAUREN WIESNER

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Weekly News Writer

The College's planned expansion will be quite visible on campus soon. Over the next several years, students will see many enhancements made to the campus. The first building selected for construction

and renovation is the Life Sports Center.

Memorial Hall, the College's first physical education facility, was built in 1954. In response to students' increasing needs, the building was expanded and renamed the Life Sports Center in 1982. Because participation in varsity athletics has increased 49 per-

cent during the last four years, the capacity of the current building has reached its limit and the college has decided that the upcoming expansion is necessary to maintain athletic programs and to respond to growing student needs.

Construction plans are as

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Campus Safety expands facilities and staff

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

The Department of Campus Safety is currently undergoing many new developments which aim to improve its overall functioning.

Several physical changes on campus were made and are planned for the future,

as the department also gains in number with the hire of two new Campus Safety officers.

Over the summer, new lighting was constructed on 23rd and Gordon Streets to brighten the area around the East Hall parking lot. Campus Safety also mounted several square poles along 23rd Street, which Director of Ken Lupole

hopes to "use at a future date for some emergency phones."

The fire alarm system is also being upgraded in Brown Hall, providing Campus Safety with an exact location of the fire detector where a fire is present. The full sprinkler system in Brown Hall is also being completely upgraded.

In addition, a major supplement to the department will be the installation of closed circuit television

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Note to Presidential Search Committee

With the student and faculty members of the Presidential search committee selected, a number of issues stand out as areas that this body must examine when reviewing candidates. By no means should the issues below be viewed as a complete list. However, The Weekly trusts that the distinguished members of the Presidential search committee will use their positions with prudence and selflessness. We further hope that the issues briefly outlined below will be taken into consideration as the search process begins.

Perhaps the foremost difficulty facing the College today is recovering from the friction between faculty and administration over the past years. While members of the administration and faculty have commented that the summer months galvanized something of a reunification, the next President must work to ensure that this process continues. Divisiveness cannot persist. The wounds created over the past years must be healed.

Another issue that deserves attention is also related to the faculty -- tenure. Over the past decade, the College has attempted to dilute the strength of tenure by instituting an employment system based on contracts. Intellectual exploration and discourse is the direct product of academic freedom guaranteed only by tenure. Without the latter, the former cannot exist without restraint. While some may argue that business sector approaches proved beneficial for the College during the Taylor administration, the business-oriented contracting idea must be discarded to ensure academic freedom.

Finally, the next President must foster an environment of professionalism. Far too often, decisions for salary, promotion and tenure were largely personalized.

As mentioned above, this should by no means be construed as a complete list of issues the Presidential search committee should consider -- simply issues of top concern for The Weekly.

In order for the College to continue its climb into the upper echelon of liberal arts colleges, matters regarding the faculty must play a key role in the decision-making of the committee when searching for the eleventh President of Muhlenberg College.

Saudi Arabia: Our "partners in peace"

Amy Cookson
Weekly Guest Columnist

David Sanger reported in the Aug. 27 issue of the *New York Times* that President Bush met with Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States, at the President's ranch in Crawford, Tex. While discussion was mostly about Iraq and Saddam Hussein, other issues were raised, including the fate of Amjad Radwan.

The House Government and Reform committee tells us that Amjad Radwan is a nineteen-year-old American who has been trying for over a decade to leave Saudi Arabia and return home. Born in

Houston, Texas, Miss Radwan was taken to Saudi Arabia as an infant. When her parents divorced, Saudi courts awarded custody to her father. Her mother returned home to the United States.

Miss Radwan began trying to leave Saudi Arabia in 1990. She could not leave because she did not have the permission of a male relative. Miss Radwan is now nineteen and is therefore a legal adult, no longer subject to parental custody. Moreover, as a United States citizen, Miss Radwan should not even be bound by Saudi law. She is an American citizen and she is not being allowed to return home. While Mr. Bush should be congratulated

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A political plea

Ty Watras
Weekly Guest Columnist

When I woke up this morning, I clicked my Internet icon and punched up the MSNBC web site. To my delight, the first story I sighted was that Bush's approval rating dropped in the polls. I was delighted, not because I am one of those despicable pot-smoking, welfare-state-loving liberals who lives in places like California or Vermont, but because it is just very apparent to me that Bush is a terrible president. I fear that if re-elected in 2004, he will do more damage than he and his abominable cabinet (excluding Colin Powell)

have already caused this wonderful country.

The first problem with George Bush is that he is incompetent. There is just no word more appropriate to describe his mental capability. People often bring up the fact that he went to Andover and then to Yale. What people often fail to see, or choose not to mention, is that not only did he get into these schools largely due to legacy, and did not do well academically (ample C's).

Listening to Bush talk is absolutely painful. He has no charisma, a limited vocabulary and often fumbles his speech including long

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The hazards of street parking



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Anyone who has tried to make a left hand turn onto 22nd Street from Gordon Street in Allentown knows there is a serious problem with parking around Muhlenberg. The problem is the streets are so over-parked that when trying to make a turn onto the street there is a need to pull almost completely out into the street in order to see who is coming each way. Now, I personally don't enjoy the adrenaline rush of seeing a car come two inches from my passenger side door. Not only is it almost impossible to see who is coming towards you when you want to turn, but you also have to compete with the fact that the cars coming up 22nd or 23rd street are doing

about fifty miles per hour. The people around Muhlenberg drive their cars at unreasonably high rates of speed so everyone can hear their cool racecar sounding engines.

The school has built a new parking lot on Liberty Street, but how much will that really help? Since some of the cars parked on the road are unregistered student vehicles (many of my friends have unregistered cars that are parked on the street), they can't park in the lot anyway. Also, since many of the cars parked on the road belong to first year students who are not allowed to have cars here in the first place, the parking crisis around Muhlenberg will hardly be eliminated by a new parking lot. The parking lot will only open up a few more spaces for unregistered cars to park

on the street when the registered vehicles can park in the new lot.

What are we to do about the parking crisis? Since it is doubtful that the cars that line our campus sidewalks will be moved anytime soon, perhaps the City of Allentown can extend the yellow curb back at all of our intersections so you can at least see the traffic before you're completely in the intersection. And perhaps Campus Safety will crack down on the unregistered vehicles lining the streets, since it is

their policy that any student car driven in the Allentown area must be registered. However, no matter how tough on non-registered parking Campus Safety gets, students will still bring their cars unregistered and clutter the streets. A nominal fee will not prevent peo-

ple on this campus from parking where they want, when they want.

Also, as far as our need to speed, the problem with near accidents at intersections could be lessened if people just slowed down when they drive around campus. I like to speed, but when it is hard to see if a pedestrian or a car is going to be popping out of an intersection, the speed needs to be reduced. It would not kill people to slow down when driving down a street that has nonstop cars parked on the side, but it might kill someone if everyone doesn't slow down.

Muhlenberg's parking problem will not go away with the addition of a new parking lot, and neither will the unsafe driving conditions. The parking problem here is massive and something drastic has to be done. Until that happens we all need to work together to make our streets a little safer to drive and walk on.

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What are we really eating?

Amanda Phillips
Life! Editor

College food is just that -- college food. Knowing the stereotypes attached to college cuisine nationwide, I should just be happy that I don't have to eat grey mush or "mystery" meat everyday. And I am happy. I've had some pretty decent meals in GQ and the Garden Room.

I do, however, have a bit of a grievance that I feel I need to say. Wood Dining Services, take heed.

My concern, in fact, actually does regard mystery meat of a certain sort. The other day I was considering the vege-

tarian station. The sign said "Hawaiian nuggets" but I was quite sure that those were not Hawaiian nuggets at all. And even if they had been nugget shaped, what exactly is in those nuggets? Are they soy? Are they vegetable protein? Do they contain cheese? My dinner ended up being a mystery non-meat of sorts...and I maintain that these were not Hawaiian nuggets at all (it turns out that they were Moroccan nuggets --who knew?)

So what's the big deal, right?

Nuggets are nuggets. True, that incident really didn't alter my life. There are, however, now a lot of foods that I will not touch because I cannot be sure what is in them. This isn't because I'm picky or because of the nuggets -- it's because that I, along with about 20 percent of the population, have food allergies. I simply don't believe that anyone should have to worry about dying of anaphylactic shock in Seegers Union.

I firmly believe that foods should have a list of their ingredients posted above them in the Garden Room and in GQ.

The reason that I am concerned is that the nugget problem was not my first brush with mislabeled food, and was I was not so lucky during another occurrence. In GQ the other day my friend got what was labeled as "Chocolate Cheesecake:" it looked pretty harmless, so I stole a bite. Well, this was no ordinary cheesecake. It contained peanut butter, and guess who is allergic to peanut butter? I'm lucky that I am not severely allergic, but the fact of the matter is that students should not have to walk around with an EpiPen due to situations like this.

There are lots of foods like this

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"ahhhs" and "hmmms" while slouching in his chair or leaning on a podium. He frequently, as his aides politely title it, misinterprets information in his speeches, which is a nice way of saying that he hasn't a clue about what he is saying or is flat out lying. One such incident occurred very recently when in front of a large press conference he quoted a U.N. council as saying things it simply did not in a report on Iraq's nuclear capabilities. They were saying that Saddam Hussein could be nuclear capable within six months, just so that he could push his backwards policy.

Mr. Bush has had notable accomplishments throughout his brief tenure. Accomplishments, that

is, that favor big business, the far right Christian Coalition and the military. He has dealt a series of blows to the U.S. economy, sciences and environmental causes in the process.

Through programs

...please make the intelligent, patriotic choice in 2004 and do not vote Bush.

like extensive, detrimental subsidies ranging from farming to steel processing, he has created the rest of the world to have animosity towards America, and through a series of other budget follies has been able to replace the vast budget surplus of the Clinton era with an equally impressive deficit.

Bush has also slowed advancements in the sciences by restricting stem cell research, the environment through rejection of the Kyoto Treaty and countless other examples that are no less notable.

The most recent MSNBC polls were not as delightful as I had hoped, for still the vast majority of Americans approve of Bush's performance. This just reinforces what the forefathers of this country knew 226 years ago, that the masses are utterly unreliable and often misdirected. So please make the intelligent, patriotic choice in 2004 and do not vote Bush. After all, if Lieberman gets the Democratic nomination voting for him will be a no-brainer, and while at Yale he never got a C.

Our forgotten "ally"

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ulated for finally discussing this issue with Prince bin Sultan, Amjad Radwan's case is sadly not the only incident of American women being held against their will in Saudi Arabia.

William McGurn covered the story of Alia and Aisha Roush in the June 11 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. The Roushes were kidnapped by their estranged father in 1986 at the ages of seven and three. Taken to Saudi Arabia, they are still there. They have seen their mother once, for two hours in 1995. Dria Davis' was kidnapped by her abusive father and taken to Saudi Arabia at the age of eleven. When the U.S. embassy would not help her, she eventually escaped herself, through Bahrain, at the age of thirteen.

Saudi Arabia's treatment of women is abhorrent, as is their human rights record. Among other cruelties, women are forced to remain covered, and can be beaten by their fathers or husbands for the slightest offense. As Saudi Arabia grotesquely oppresses women, the government is also spending millions of dollars on public relations lobbyists and nationwide television ads in order to improve the Saudi image here in America (Christopher Marquis covered the story for the *New York Times* in the Aug. 29 issue). The Saudi government has already spent over five million dollars and was

expected to spend more as the anniversary of Sept. 11 drew near. The money isn't helping. A recent poll by Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates found that Americans negative perception of Saudi Arabia had increased to 63 percent, up from 50 percent in May. This is frustrating to a country that has been considered an "ally" for sixty years.

Americans are not unduly biased against Saudi Arabia, a country that fifteen of the nineteen Sept. 11 hijackers called home. The royal family gives the religious police too much power: both AP and the BBC News, as well as many other news organizations, covered the March fire in the thirty-first Girls Middle School in Mecca that killed fourteen or fifteen girls (reports differ) who were prevented from leaving the building because they were not wearing proper head coverings. The religious police also prevented male firefighters and paramedics from entering the building.

Finally, this is a country that holds American women captive against their will. When Saudi Arabia can be viewed in a favorable manner, it will be. While our government will continue to call Saudi Arabia an ally for two reasons, oil and proximity to Iraq, Americans will continue to think of Saudi Arabia in a negative fashion until the Saudi government takes great steps to redress its many human rights violations.

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Weekly Discourse: Smoking in Parents' Plaza

Imposing of ideals or looking out for our health?

Daniel R. Engelberg, Sr.
Weekly Guest Columnist

The day that I arrived back at school this year, I walked from my house to Seegers Union with a bunch of friends with the intention of having a bite to eat. After the meal, we went outside and I saw a friend of mine, that I hadn't seen in three months, sitting at one of the picnic benches in Parents' Plaza. I walked over to him, sat down, and we soon became engrossed in a conversation about the summer. About five minutes into our conversation, I reached into my pocket, pulled out my pack of Camel cigarettes, and lit one up. Not less than one minute later, someone came up to me and told me that smoking was now prohibited in Parents' Plaza. I was stunned. I thought that they were joking around, but they directed me towards a sign bearing the Muhlenberg College emblem with the words, "Smoking is prohibited in front of the Student Union: A sheltered smoking area has been designated under the Shankweiler Bridge across from Parents' Plaza."

Fact of the matter is Parents' Plaza is outside. It would be one thing if they were banning smoking inside of Seegers Union, or in any building for that matter, but Parents' Plaza is an outside area. This means that smoke dissipates into the air in a matter of seconds, without a disgusting, murky buildup. What right does Muhlenberg College have to say where we can smoke, as long as we

are outside? I can't imagine it being much of a fire hazard. Is second-hand smoke that huge of a problem in Parents' Plaza that smokers should have to move? I definitely don't think so. My guess is that tours pass by Parents' Plaza, and the school doesn't want parents of potential students to see people smoking outside of the Union. The school is so concerned with the aesthetics of this campus that it wants to make sure that anything that may be considered an eyesore to parents of potential freshmen is moved out of view.

I also have to question the school's allotment of its funds. You may notice the brand new no smoking signs in front of Seegers. You may also want to notice the brand new ashtray that the school purchased to put under the overhang, maybe five feet away from the no smoking signs. If the school is trying to keep people from smoking in that area, why would they put an ashtray, which has little to no use for anything other than smoking, directly in that area?

If we let the school tell us that we can't smoke outside Seegers, then we should be ready for some changes that this will probably lead to. Any freshman standing outside of Prosser having a cigarette may soon be asked to move to another location. Maybe the school will feel that people shouldn't be smoking outside of other class buildings. If we let them take Parents' Plaza, an outside area that is used by students for social interaction, what will be next?

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Since the students of Muhlenberg College have returned from our summer vacation it is clear that many changes have been made on the campus -- everything from the implementation of ID cards that also serve as a simplex, to the new schedule for finals. These adjustments seem to be altering student life but the one change that seems to affect the most students on a daily basis is the new policy on smoking in Parents' Plaza.

As of this year students are no longer allowed to light up and relax while sitting on one of the benches directly in front of Seegers. These individuals must go elsewhere in order to find a reprieve from the ever-growing list of places where they are forbidden to exercise choice in what seems to be a personal matter. Has the school stepped over the line and violated the rights of its students? Of course not.

Last year I would face the daily challenge of having to walk into Seegers after class amidst a thick cloud of black smoke. At any given time half (if not more) of those people sitting in Parents' Plaza were clutching a cigarette in their hand. I am not protesting against the fact that it is each person's unalienable right to smoke. Although I disagree vehemently with their preference, if they do it where it doesn't affect me, I would

gladly keep my mouth shut. My problem lies in the fact that smokers choose the highest traffic area on campus to pollute the air.

Walking through Seegers on a daily basis is not a choice for most people on campus. It is the hub of campus; where students eat, check their mail and socialize. Why should we have to deal with a risk factor that could shorten our life when the conscious decision has been made by each of us not to smoke? It may be an inconvenience to those people who have made the benches in Parents' Plaza their second home but clearly the health of the student body is the more important issue here.

The fact is, some of my closest friends are smokers. I don't take issue with them, I take issue with second hand smoke. It is a proven fact that inhaling is just as dangerous as putting a cigarette directly in your mouth. What this really means is that just as smokers are exercising their rights they are in turn infringing on mine. If it was only one or two at a time the situation would be bearable but there is no feasible way for the administration to control that. Therefore, the only solution is a complete ban. I understand the outrage of the smoking community on campus but the fact of the matter remains that I have the right to breathe clean air, free of tar and nicotine and other carcinogens. If they want to put that in their body, they can go right ahead, but they're sure as hell not putting it in mine.

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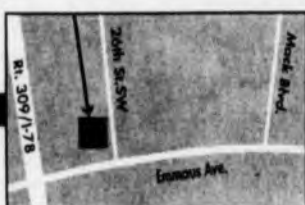
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Food concerns

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that I now look at skeptically because I cannot be sure if they are safe. I firmly believe that foods should have a list of their ingredients posted above them in the Garden Room and in GQ. This information is pertinent to anyone with a food allergy, lactose intolerance, diabetes, hypoglycemia and other disorders related to food. Also, ingredient lists are helpful for vegetarians, vegans and those who do not want to

eat red meat. They deserve to know just exactly what is that mystery meat chopped up at the omelet station.

Not only would a vegan want to know if there was meat in his meal, he would also want to know if there was any cheese, milk or eggs in the food. At Bates College in Maine all foods are labeled as, for example, "contains beef," "vegetarian, contains milk," or "vegan." This information is also helpful to those who are lactose intolerant and allergic to milk or eggs.

Even the peanut butter cookies at Bates are labeled as "contains peanuts." It may sound redundant, but it keeps those who are allergic from eating them, and it lets that walnut-allergic person know that they can in fact eat that cookie. That's what it's all about -- preventing problems, and opening the door for other people to eat something new. Labels could only be helpful when it comes to college food satisfaction.

Drought plagues grass and trees in local area

BY BEN VEGHTE
Weekly Staff Writer

As last semester rolled to an end and students prepared to depart for summer vacation, Governor Schweiker issued Lehigh Valley County a drought emergency warning in the

early weeks of May. The drought emergency was brought on by the extreme lack of precipitation in Pa. during the early summer months. As the summer continued with increasing temperatures and decreasing rainfall to large portions of the state, the summer heat dried out much of the

best shape possible throughout the drought.

The crews made every attempt possible to keep the campus in good condition, however, the severity of the drought and upholding of emergency restrictions left the crew with little to do in a scrupulous effort to save the grass and trees across campus.

Interim President James Steffy said, "There has been some damage to the campus as a result of drought. That includes some trees, shrubbery and grass." Steffy said his biggest concern is the possible loss of trees around campus. "We've tried to control use of water across campus," said Steffy.

Among a number of concerns brought on by the drought was the issue of the condition of the athletic fields as coaches prepared for sports teams to return to campus to begin training for the upcoming seasons. "We have done limited watering, which was of course

approved first," said Steffy.

When asked to comment on the effects of the drought around campus, Director of Plant Operations and Ground Crews, Jeff Demko, stated that as a result of the ground crews' efforts, "We didn't really lose any trees, maybe one or two shrubs."

In a desperate effort to tackle the summer heat and drought effects, Demko explained, "We utilized approved equipment such as Treegators as a more economical way of watering, which were filled with water and placed around the trunks of trees, leaving the trees with a

steady flow of drip irrigation for twelve hours."

Demko reported that due to the strict regulations established by the governor during drought emergencies, ground crews were left with limitations as to what they could do in the effort

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James Steffy

to save greenery around campus.

The limitations established during the drought emergency forced ground crews to utilize a small window of time each day to water grass. "Due to state regulations, we were forced to water the fields by hand with hoses that had controllable water-flow knobs between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.," stated Demko.

In a campus wide effort to save trees and grass around campus, it is the duty of all students to help out as much as possible in any way.

To aid ground crews in an effort to conserve water, Demko offers several suggestions. Male students "should not leave water running while [shaving]. Instead, it is wise to fill sinks with water and then shave."

This suggestion goes for all students when using the sink. Whether in a drought emergency or not, it is always the job of students to conserve water. It is important to turn off all unnecessary flows whenever using the sink.



Trees around campus have turned brown early due to lack of water.

PHOTO BY LAUREN WIESNER

Fixing up Seegers and Life Sports Center

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follows: The health and counseling center will be relocated to a currently undetermined location. The building will be removed and a new 39,000 square-foot Fitness Building will be placed in its location. The health and counseling center will then be moved into the second floor of the Fitness Building.

This upgrade will allow the Health Center to handle over 8,000 student visits per year, as well as enabling the counseling center to handle more than five hundred annual visits.

Additionally, the lower level of the new building

will offer student athletes new locker rooms, an athletic training suite and a large free-weights area. On the upper floor, there will be a new cardiovascular fitness area and connections to coaches' offices located above the west bleachers of Memorial Hall. In addition, the fieldhouse flooring system and nets will be replaced, and a new ventilation and control system will be added to the field house. Moreover, the current weight room will return to its original function as the wrestling room and the weights will be relocated to the new Fitness Building.

Student access to the Life Sports Center should not be

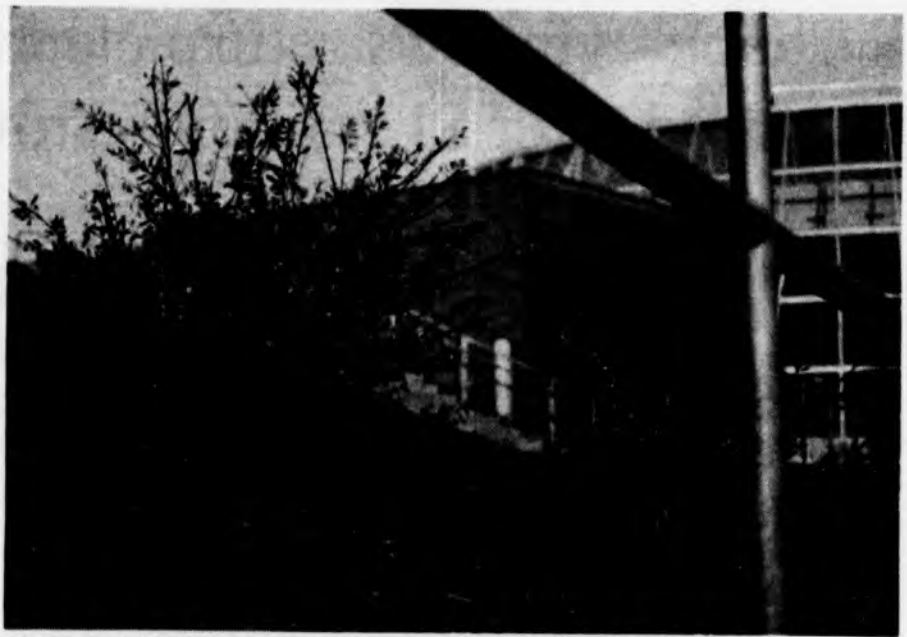
affected during the construction, as the building will remain open. There will be a slight inconvenience when entering the building because one of the paths to the current entrance will be obscured by construction and demolition of the health center. A total of eighteen months will be required to complete this project.

In addition, a new chiller plant is being constructed. This plant will provide for centralized air conditioning in Taylor Hall, Trumbower, Shankweiler, Haas College House, Ettinger and the Commons Building. This will also support the addition and renovation of the Life Sports Center and, in the future, the soon-to-be-renovated student union. The building that will house the additional chiller equipment will be completed in November and the plant

will begin operating in April 2003.

Finally, plans are being drafted for a new student union that will replace the current Seegers Union. Several different plans have been developed, but none have been approved thus far. The most recent called for constructing a U-shaped building around Seegers, providing for access to the current Union while the other is being constructed.

Ultimately, Seegers would be demolished and a courtyard placed in the center of the U-shaped structure. This project has been postponed until more pressing issues are resolved. When asked about the various construction projects, Kent Dyer, Treasurer and Vice President of Finance, remarked, "We are very excited about the projects and anxious to get them started."



Grass, trees and shrubs around campus have suffered under drought conditions throughout the year.

PHOTO BY LAUREN WIESNER

Chapel windows return clean and repaired after \$1 million restoration

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly Staff Writer

The Egner Chapel, dedicated to the College in 1931, has received a facelift. The stained glass windows that color the Chapel walls have been restored.

"The windows were in dire need of renovation, as they began to bow," said Mike Brewer, Director of Plant Operations for the College.

The severity of the bowing was directly related to lead fatigue caused by the non-alloy lead used to hold the windows together. Restoration required that the windows be removed, disassembled, and rebuilt.

"It [the restoration] is an extremely involved process," said Brewer. "It took two years to complete the project."

The sixteen-step renovation process included window removal, rubbings, cleaning, disassembly, conservation of broken glass, re-leading, cementing, wire tie installation, and structural support system repair, and reinstallation.

Under direct supervision of Kirk D. Weaver, Stained Glass Resources, Inc., was in charge of the project. The company is the largest professional stained glass studio in New England. The firm specializes in state-of-the-art stained glass restoration and operates out of Mass.

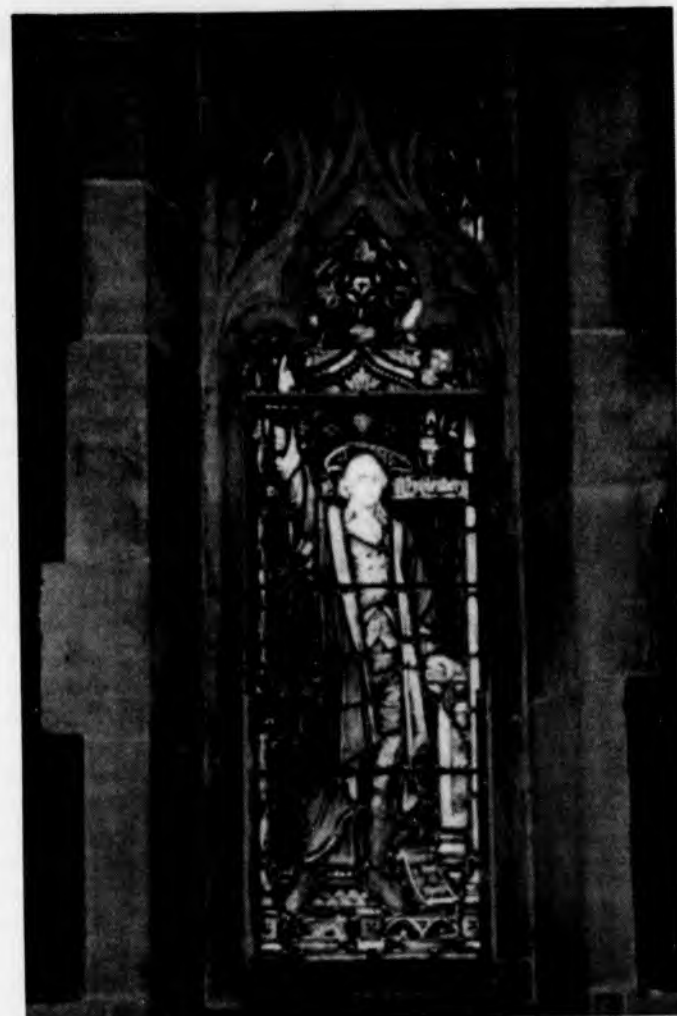
The one large window at the front and the rear of the Chapel as well as the sixteen windows on either side on the lower level were restored during phase one of the project and were completed in Aug. of 2001. The fourteen clerestory windows

on the second level were restored during phase two of the project and were completed in June of 2002.

In 1994, Brewer requested an estimate from Stained Glass Resources, Inc. as to how much it would have cost the College to replace each window with a new one instead of restoring them one by one. At that time, the estimated cost of that project would have been \$1.1 million, though it was much more important to the College to have had the windows restored.

"What we have here is something valuable, and we want to continue to preserve it," said Brewer. "Future renovations to the stained glass windows will not be needed for another 75 to 100 years." The cost of the project ended up totaling

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Chapel windows have been placed back in the chapel after a long restoration project.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

Campus Safety expands staff and patrolling frequency



Chris Bansemer is a new addition to Campus Safety staff.

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cameras in several locations across campus. The cameras will use digital recording technology and will be viewed from the Campus Safety office.

The cameras are currently planned to be located at the entrance to Seegers Union,

the entrance and box office of the Trexler Pavilion, the east and west entrances to the Center for the Arts, the President's Office and Controller's Office at the Haas College Center and the east entrance to the Life Sports Center. An extension camera is planned for the 23rd Street parking lot, as

well as a camera planned for the Ettinger computer lab enabling it to stay open 24 hours a day. "Our office will have the capability to add on an additional eight cameras to the equipment, hopefully next summer," Lupole said.

The two newest additions to the Campus Safety are Officer Ira Snyder and Officer Chris Bansemer.

Officer Snyder, who goes by the nickname "Buster," is a retired city police officer with 25 years of Allentown Police Department (APD) experience. He is the newest member of the "midnight shift" which runs from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Officer Bansemer comes to the College from Morris County, N.J. He graduated from the Allentown Police Academy, coming to Pa. for job offers.

Officer Bansemer said he likes the community orientation and spontaneity of the job. "Everyone's my age, so you can relate to the people," he says.

Cloning discussed in Bio-ethics lecture

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

The Egner Memorial Chapel welcomed scientific discussion during a Bio-ethics lecture this past Tuesday. Part of the Conrad W. Raker Lecture Series, the speech brought Dr. Arthur Caplan, a leading expert in bioethics to the College. Caplan lectured to a full audience on the ethical questions behind cloning.

Caplan began his lecture by assuring the crowd of his intentions on explaining the controversial topic of cloning. "You'll know where I stand on these things by the end of the night," he said. "I hope we gain some progress this evening on [learning] what the facts are," he said.

Caplan explained that most people are unaware that there is more than one type of clone. "Clones simply refer to any organism that has the same genes," Caplan said.

"Clones...occur natural-

ly," he added. Twins and triplets are considered clones because they carry the same genes.

"It is important to understand that we shouldn't be afraid of cloning," said Caplan. The most commonly debated type of clone is one created by nuclear transfer cloning. In this process, an adult cell is placed in an egg cell and fused closed. Nuclear transfer cloning is only successful in 1 in 450 attempts with 20 to 30 of the developing clones born dead.

The famous sheep, Dolly, is a result of nuclear transfer cloning. "Dolly herself is not healthy. She has a lot of medical problems," said Caplan. The problem with nuclear transfer cloning is that the DNA taken from an adult animal is aged and slowly deteriorating. Therefore, the new cloned organism is more susceptible to health problems.

Attempting to resurrect lost pets is not a reasonable

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Pride and Progress campaign raises funds for renovations

College gets closer to goals in fundraising campaign for renovations around campus

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Staff Writer

The College has recently had much success with its "Pride and Progress" campaign including a recent donation by alumni Richard and Laurie Brueckner, as well as the appointment of

Thomas W. Mendham to National Chair of the campaign.

The College's "Pride and Progress" campaign is a \$70 million campaign to be completed by June 30, 2007. According to Tilghman Moyer, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations, the funds from

this campaign will be split into three main components — \$42 million towards the "Capital" component, \$16 million towards the "Endowment" component, and \$12 million towards the "Current Operations" component. The Capital component anticipates various renovation projects such as the expansion of the Life Sports Center and renovations to the science building.

It also included the construction of South and Robertson Halls. Major funding from Pride and Progress will also be used towards scholarships, financial aid, library resources and endowed professorships.

With the College's popularity growing (the acceptance rate in 2002 was 35 percent, a significant drop from 66 percent in 1997), the need for funds has rapidly increased.

For instance, over 65 percent of Muhlenberg students receive some sort of monetary aid from the College (in the form of merit scholarship or financial aid). Even with the large number of students applying, the College wants to retain its ability to provide such assistance. This is the type of funding to which donations contribute.

Richard '71 and Laurie '72 Brueckner's recent contribution of \$500,000 will go toward the Capital component of the campaign. Brueckner currently serves as Vice Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees and has received the Baker Award for Advancement of

Economic Literacy. The Pride and Progress campaign has also seen other exciting advances this year, with the election of Thomas Mendham, also an alumnus, to the position of National Chair. Mendham said, "I am proud to be involved with Pride and Progress, which has been enormously successful in its first two years." Mendham is both a trustee of the College as

well as the Chair of the Development Committee. Both Mendham's wife and son are alumni of the College.

There has been concern that the termination of Arthur Taylor as President may hurt the campaign's progress.

However, according to Tilghman Moyer, "As of August 31 we have secured \$39 million against our \$70 million goal."

The change in College leadership will not negatively

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Tilghman Moyer, VP for Development

ly affect the campaign."

With plans and projects for the campaign moving full force ahead, Moyer is certain that there will be continued success. "I am confident at this point that we will make it."

The Development and Alumni Relations staff as well as members of the Board of Trustees are focusing efforts on this opportunity.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown — In a sign of cross-cultural cooperation among worshippers, the Evangelical Congregational Church has united its Spanish-speaking and English-speaking churches in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The merger, approved in May, reflects the parallel trends of assimilation, tolerance and bilingualism that are transforming the newer Hispanic churches and the long-established congregations of the region's major cities. "There's no longer a sense of the Anglo church making all the decisions. We're all on the same team," said the Rev. Robert Daneker of Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church in Allentown. "We're all part of the same decision-making body."

Harrisburg — The largest RV show in the country is right here in the Keystone State. The 24th annual Pennsylvania RV and Camping Show runs Wednesday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 15 at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, Pa. There, inside and outside, on 900,000 square feet, the equivalent of nine football fields, more than 1,000 recreational vehicles and campers will be on display. At the State Farm Show Complex, enthusiasts can see the newest vehicles, hot off the assembly line — everything from a \$3,000 pop-up to a motor home priced at half a million dollars. There also will be daily seminars, including some by Gary Buntzer, "The RV Doctor." For the kids, Zembo Temple Shrine Clowns will provide the yucks.

Search Committee chooses firm

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presidents cannot be disclosed to the public in an effort to protect the confidentiality of the candidates.

Periodic reports to the campus about the progress of the search will be administered throughout the process, though the Board will not disclose any specific application information.

"The timetable the Board hopes to follow [would] name a new president by the end of March, with that person assuming office in the summer," said Steffy. "The Board is moving expeditiously to move

the search forward and is being very thorough about the process. When we get to the point of interviewing candidates, it will be done in a neutral location off campus," explained Steffy.

The Search Committee is made up of thirteen members of the Board of Trustees, two students, three faculty and the Alumni Executive Council,

John Rosenberg. The Committee will recommend a candidate to the Board of Trustees, and the Board will make the final decision.

"The entire campus community and alumni and friends are being invited to express opinions on the qualifications of the new president and to submit nominations in this open process," said Steffy. Any opinions or nominations should be addressed by contacting Harvey Benenson, Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 53	High: 76 Low: 55	High: 77 Low: 58

Upcoming Chapel Events

Friday, Sept. 13	8 PM Ice Cream Social/Rita's at ChapelHouse (located at 2206 Chew St.)
Sunday, Sept. 15	1 PM Worship in Chapel 2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse 6 PM FaithWorks Meeting at ChapelHouse 7 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Monday, Sept. 16	Wildlands Conservancy Trip
Tuesday, Sept. 17	7:30-9 PM Worship Band Rehearsal in Chapel 9 PM Bible Study in Chapel 10 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Sept. 18	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

Chapel windows restored

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nearly \$550,000.

The primary gifts received for this project included \$90,000 from Keystone Historic Preservation, \$80,000 from Ann and Earlin Lutz, \$50,000 from Lucy Ruccius, and \$20,000 from the Estate of Ralph Deetz. Many more small gifts were also donated, and the rest of the funding for the restoration came out of the College's operating funds.

The Chapel remains one of the most beloved symbols of the College and an architectural landmark for the City of Allentown residents.

"Through lectures, concerts and other open events and worship services, thousands of community residents, national and international visitors, College alumni and current staff and students are drawn to the building annually," said Deb Kipp, Assistant Vice President, Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations of the College.



Each intricate window was removed, restored and replaced.

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Cloning controversy discussed

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use of cloning because, "genes are not everything when it comes to determining your traits and behavior," said Caplan. The only possibly useful avenue of animal cloning is for marketing purposes. While sheep, cattle and mice have been cloned, no primates have successfully survived nuclear transfer cloning. Because scientists have struggled with trying to clone primates, Caplan suggests that "[cloning] may not work for [humans]."

Because it may be impossible to clone humans, Caplan believes embryonic stem cells would be a useful avenue as a research medium. "You're not killing people. Those cells don't have the potential of becoming anything," he said.

Caplan is the Chairman of the United Nations Task Force on Cloning. He mentioned that several countries are open to the idea of using cloning for research.

Caplan is the Director of the Center for Bioethics and Trustee Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania and Chief of the Division of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. He is currently the Chairman of the Board for the Advisory Committee to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration.

The Bio-ethics lecture was part of a cooperative effort between the College and Good Shepherd. The Conrad W. Raker Lecture Series is in honor of Rev. Dr. Conrad W. Raker, leader of Good Shepherd and son of the founder of the organization. Raker was honored for his 60th anniversary of ordination as a Lutheran pastor.

"He is an inspiration to all of us at Good Shepherd," said Sally Gammon, President of Good Shepherd.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 5 - Trespassing - Two juveniles were found skateboarding by Robertson Hall. They were given letters of trespass.

Sept. 5 - Report of Smoke - A report of smoke was made in Walz Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Sept. 5 - Injured Student - A falling shade in South Hall hit a student in the wrist. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 5 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Controlled Substances - Two students were found smoking marijuana in the woods outside Benfer Hall. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 6 - Harassment - Non-student Keith Biedler of 419 N. 23rd Street was arrested outside the AEPi fraternity for DUI, possession, criminal mischief and public drunkenness.

Sept. 6 - Vandalism - The

Coca-Cola machine in Benfer Hall was found damaged. The bottom portion of the plexi-glass was kicked in.

Sept. 6 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Controlled Substances - A homemade bong and a plastic bag filled with five grams of marijuana was found at Gordon and 26th Streets. One student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 7 - Suspicious Persons - A Walz Hall resident reported a thin white male with short dark hair sitting in a green SUV was videotaping her walking by where he was sitting in his parked car on 26th and Chew Streets.

Sept. 7 - Trespassing - Four non-students were found skateboarding outside the Center for the Arts. They were issued letters of trespass and their parents came to pick them up.

Sept. 7 - Noise Complaint - The four residents of 323 N. 22nd Street

were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Noise Complaint - A noise complaint was made of 430 N. 22nd Street. Two students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Disorderly Conduct and Alcohol Violation - One student, Brent Clabaugh, was arrested at the 2200 block of Liberty Street for public drunkenness, underage drinking, and disorderly conduct.

Sept. 8 - Alcohol Violation - One student, Ryan Newman, was arrested by Allentown Police at 22nd and Gordon Streets and charged with underage drinking, public drunkenness, and disorderly conduct.

Sept. 8 - Failure to Comply - One student refused to leave the area of 23rd and Liberty Streets when requested by Campus Safety and Allentown Police. The student was

referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Alcohol Violation - A Walz Hall resident was found with alcohol. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm and Fire Safety Violation - Burnt popcorn caused a fire alarm in South Hall to go off. When Campus Safety responded to the alarm, they discovered the detector had been covered with a plastic bag.

Sept. 8 - Disturbance - A disturbance was reported at the Tremont Apartments between a student and non-student. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A car parked in the Benfer Hall parking lot was found with two slashed tires.

Sept. 8 - Injured Student - A student received a twisted ankle in the Life Sports

Center. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm - A George Foreman Grill set off a fire alarm in Brown Hall.

Sept. 8 - Suspicious Persons - A student crossing Chew Street at the exit to the Front Drive reported being videotaped by a tall white man sitting in a parked car on Chew Street. The report is currently under investigation.

Sept. 9 - Fire Alarm - Dust in the smoke detector caused the fire alarm to go off in the Communications Building.

Sept. 9 - Theft - The "Max Maven" banner hanging in Parents' Plaza was reported stolen.

Sept. 9 - Alcohol Violation - A student was found in possession of alcohol in his room. The student, a Prosser Hall resident, was referred to the Judicial Process.

WEEKLY

Life!

**"Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told,
'I am with you kid. Let's go!'"**

--Maya Angelou

Question of the Week:

What item would you add to a Muhlenberg Survival Kit?



"Calling cards or a cell phone so you don't have to deal with the phone codes."

-Kimmy Zafran '05

"Paper towels and soap for the bathroom."

-Michelle Hein '05



"Pepto-Bismol. Just eat in the Garden Room and you'll understand."

-Jon Larsen '04

"Cinder blocks to raise your bed."

-Stephanie Rosenau '05



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Max Maven magically reads minds



Max Maven speaks to students and faculty regarding his philosophy on mind-reading.

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

The common monotony of papers, tests and reading that oftentimes bogs students down here at Muhlenberg has been astoundingly interrupted by the element of magic. In Parents' Plaza for several months now has hung a banner marking the arrival of Max Maven. Maven is a world famous master mind-

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFISKY

reader whose magical consultation has influenced such famous performers as Siegfried and Roy and David Copperfield.

Maven has performed in 25 countries, including Norway, Sweden and Japan where he actually performed in Japanese. He has also appeared as a spotlight guest in such familiar shows as *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*. Presently, Max Maven invaded the Baker Theater

stage right here at the College.

Last Wednesday night, Maven entered the stage slowly, creating utter suspense and silence throughout the audience. With an Eddie Munster receding hairline and dark eye make-up, Maven quietly mouthed the word "Boo!" into the microphone, breaking the thick tension with laughter and applause. Like a car key turning the ignition, the audience's emotional response fueled Maven's antics, and his remarkable articulateness emerged as a joke in every line he spoke. Laden with prominent sexual innuendos and charismatic cockiness, Maven's show relied upon positive audience participation and interaction; without laughter, there would be no magic.

Along with being a crisp and sharp comic, Maven is a mind-reader. He has cultivated a talent for taking simple tricks, such as someone choosing a card from a deck, into a magical and astounding show.

In one instance, Maven chose an audience member to accompany him in a "les-

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Exploring the dark: Max Maven speaks

BY CHRIS CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

We all have been witness to at least one magic trick in our lives. Whether it was a well-intentioned mime or a live trickster, we all have experienced enchantment.

In our encounter with magic, however, do we examine the trick and the meaning of magic after it has been performed? Max Maven, master magician, addressed these issues at "The Dark Ride: Exploring the Aesthetics of Magic," the follow-up lecture to his concert, the previous day.

He held his talk on Sept. 5 in the Recital Hall in the Center for the Arts.

Maven began his lecture by illustrating that magic is not an art of trickery and fooling, as much as it is an art of innocent illusion.

"Our lives are determined by the restrictions we impose, and we look to the escapism of magic for relief," said Maven with a twinkle in his eye.

Maven further explored the notion of everyday magic, such as the magic of a refrigerator magnet. While a household appliance may not strike some-

one as magical, Maven capitalized on this idea.

In addition to the theory and discussion that Maven conducted, he supplemented the night with his infamous card tricks. With the help of a Muhlenberg aspiring magician, Maven went through a few renditions of the classic card tricks, each with increasing difficulty.

The modest crowd that gathered to catch a final piece of Maven's magical wisdom may not have walked out with a greater understanding of what magic truly is, but that may be part of the mystery.

Holiday away from home: Celebrating Rosh Hashanah at Muhlenberg

BY JOANNA BZIK
Weekly Staff Writer

College is definitely fun, but being away from home is hard sometimes—particularly on those special days like Mother's Day or your little sister's birthday. But imagine being away from home on one of the most important holidays of the year, a day you spend every year with your closest family and friends. And not only are you away from home this year, but you still have to worry about classes and work.

This scenario is not hard to imagine for the many Jewish students on campus who celebrated Rosh Hashanah at Muhlenberg this year. For many students, though, this was not the first time they were away for the holiday. Jody Seligman '04 commented that she "does this every year." Justin Deutsch '04 added, "Last year I was here for Rosh Hashanah, and I went to services at a nearby synagogue."

Rosh Hashanah, a high holy day, is known as the Jewish New Year when observers celebrate the creation of the world. It is the only holy day that lasts for two days because it is too sacred to keep for only 24 hours.

Aside from simply being the beginning of the year, though, Rosh Hashanah is the Day of Judgment. On this day, mankind's destiny is written by God in the

Book of Life. People reflect on their mistakes and deeds of the past year, and they then ask for forgiveness and work to make changes for the next year. This is in preparation for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, this year on September 16th, when a person's judgment becomes final.

On Rosh Hashanah, observers are to attend services at their synagogue for most of the day, and they are not allowed to do any work. If Jonathan Katz '05 was not at Muhlenberg for Rosh Hashanah, he says, "I would be with my family, eating dinner at my grandparents' house. Then I would relax after morning services on Saturday and Sunday."

An important observance on Rosh Hashanah is the blowing of the shofar, a ram's horn, in the synagogue. The sound produced, like that of a trumpet, is thought of as a sound of repentance. Also during this time, it is customary to eat sweet foods, showing the hope for a "sweet" new year. Challah is the traditional bread eaten on the Sabbath, but on Rosh Hashanah it is baked into a circle, instead of being braided, to symbolize a hope for the year to go smoothly.

Students who are especially hoping for a smooth year are the first-year students on campus. Shelley Rosenberg '06 remained on campus for the weekend and

attended services at a nearby synagogue. While she felt like she had enough options to celebrate, she said, "It was weird being in service with different people in a different place."

Some students may have felt more comfortable going home, but many other students enjoyed the activities offered by Hillel. On the 5th, it held an event where students bobbed for apples and blew the shofar. Hillel also held a dinner on the night of the 6th, and all three synagogues in the college area welcomed any students who wished to attend their Rosh Hashanah services. Families also opened their homes and provided traditional meals for interested students.

"It's good that Muhlenberg provides dinner and different congregations in the area offer services," Deutsch said. "I don't feel as much that I need to be home. I'm comfortable here, and I feel like I'm still celebrating the new year."

Katz commented, "For an institution religiously affiliated to a theological pursuit besides Judaism, I believe we are catered to at an adequate level."

The College prides itself on being an institution that embraces different cultures, religions, and philosophies. While being away from home can be hard, the community at and around the College definitely helps to make the holidays, and the high holidays, a little easier for the students.

Max Maven astounds students

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son in mind-reading." This girl was to choose a chunk of cards of any random amount from a random part of a card deck. Maven told her to stand behind him, very closely so that he could make a crude and suggestive joke, and fan out the cards in front of her. He told her to scan the cards with her eyes only while resting her knuckles lightly on his back.

Maven then proceeded to talk out-loud to himself. Through some form of reasoning only understood by him, he confidently called

out each card that rested in the girl's hands. What was amazing was that the cards were not called in the order in which the girl held them, but rather in the order that she thought of them to herself.

Despite his almost super-human trait of perception, Maven knows humility. Unlike many traditional magicians whose shows can seem contrived because they always perform their tricks with extreme precision, Maven humbled himself by inaccurately reading someone's mind. Yet he did not falter and he did not fret.

The show continued to run smoothly, allowing for Maven to continue to enlighten Muhlenberg with an unconventional form of magic. This magician involves, intrigues, entertains and probes young and old inquiring minds to try to decipher how exactly he operates. It is truly a mystery.

Long after Maven's departure from our school, those who saw the show will carry on in amazement. More magic is sure to come to the College following Maven's wondrous and awe-inspiring "game of psychology."

Adios Pantalones exudes laid-back feel

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

The Red Door Café was sparsely populated at 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. Only seven or eight people were waiting when the band Adios Pantalones began to play. The first thing to catch the audience's eye was the presence of instruments onstage that most would not think of together. Throughout the concert, the six band members played instruments including trombone, alto, tenor and baritone saxophone, flute, clarinet, guitars and percussion. The combination of all these instruments created a very unique sound.

In addition to the instrumental variety, the vocals of Adios Pantalones were also mixed. Nearly all members of the band sang during at least one song, and each of them had a very different style. The first vocalist of the concert



Adios Pantalones created an eclectic sound with their mix of instruments and personalities. The band performed for a small crowd in the Red Door on Friday, Sept. 6.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

was guitarist, John T.G. Leonard, whose voice had a more traditional rock-and-roll feel to it. Then the trombonist, known as Drawz, changed the tone of the music with his rather brash and alternative vocal quality. With all of these sounds blending together, Adios Pantalones has a great ability to alter the mood of its music.

Adios Pantalones exuded a very casual and laidback feel. The name of the band, for non-Spanish speakers, means "goodbye pants," so one would probably expect some unusual and entertaining aspects to the band's image. That assumption would be correct. Though every member was wearing pants, despite their title, some of them did shed their footwear as soon as they stepped onstage. They clearly enjoy playing their music; even though there were never more than 20 people in the Red Door all night, the band laughed and played as though the room were packed.

Each band member had his own style that added even more to the group's fun image. Bassist Felipe seemed to enjoy himself as he shook his long hair all around his face head banging-style, with the occasional burst of song. In contrast, saxophonist, flutist, clarinet player and major vocalist Jonny B. showed off his musical versatility and talent by frequently changing instruments mid-song.

Adios Pantalones played for about an hour and a half with such songs as "Mr. Winkie," "Hoedown" and "Chicken." The Connecticut-based band presents a fun concert and was a nice distraction on a less than thrilling Friday night. My grade: A-.

From flea market to pickle stand: There's variety at the Farmers Market

BY AMY COOKSON AND
JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writers

Where, you ask, can you find a stand entirely devoted to pickles? The answer lies down a leisurely fifteen minute walk on Chew Street to the Allentown Farmers Market—a veritable smorgasbord of stands. Fruit and vegetable stands are located every fifty feet, but this marketplace holds much more than apples and cucumbers. Shoppers will find bakery, seafood, deli, and meat stands, a wine shop, a barber shop, jewelry and watch repair, vitamins, nuts, candy, hardware, Avon products and even gourmet coffee, where they have even chai, and, of course, the pickle stand.

Located near the back of the building are a flea market, a dollar store and a small grocery store. School supplies of all varieties can

be found here and prices are much cheaper than the college bookstore. Likewise, groceries cost much less here than at Wegmans or our local Giant.

If you find yourself craving some different fare than

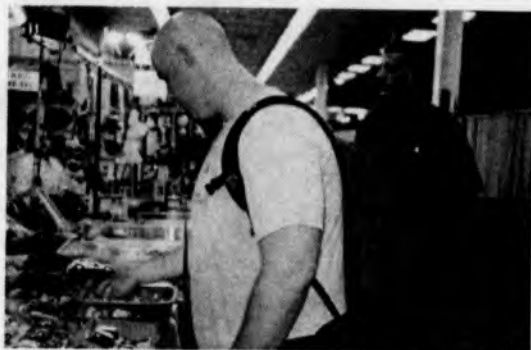
steamed clams for only \$4. Finally, if you want some freshly hand-rolled pretzels and the best lemonade around, stop by Auntie Anne's.

The Farmers Market offers much, much more than just food, though. At Shaffner's Health Center they have every kind of vitamin or pill imaginable. One hundred tablets of Vitamin C are \$5.65 and will last you through finals, because we all know how rotten it is to be sick when you're not at home.

Open Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Saturdays

from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., everything is fresh. If you have something specific that you want, make sure to visit on Thursday when it will definitely be in stock. However, if you're looking to save money, Saturday afternoon is the best time to go because the vendors continually slash prices so they can get rid of anything and everything. How else can you get a delicious homemade doughnut for 50 cents?

If you're ever bored and looking for something to do or something different to eat, just remember the Allentown Farmers Market is a few blocks away and is sure to have something to suit your fancy.



Students can find almost anything at the Farmers Market.

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what is available at The Garden Room or GQ, definitely consider going to the Farmers Market. Charlie K's Pizza is only \$1 per slice and it tastes wonderful. It is certainly one of the more popular stands. If you are, however, in the mood for some seafood, the Perose Seafood Café offers 2 dozen

Alfred James Band: A different sound to which we can adjust

BY LAUREN DEFILIPPO
Weekly Staff Writer

The Alfred James Band. Sounds a lot like the Dave Matthews Band. However, these two bands have little in common. The band names may sound alike and resemble each other, but they display incredibly different sounds.

The Alfred James Band performed last Saturday night in the Red Door Café, emitting a wide variety of sounds, including funk/fusion type music, along with folk and Cuban styles. The band sounded like a mixture of Guster, Sublime, Dispatch and other bands.

The band had five members: one singer/acoustic guitarist, an electric guitarist, two percussionists and a bassist. These band members were all very talented musicians. The singer of the band played a variety of instruments including

the acoustic guitar, the mandolin and the cello. One of the assets of the band was the bongos. This piece of percussion definitely added to the overall style of the band.

One of the more disappointing points of the band was the singer's voice. It was not that strong, and it did not have much versatility, limiting the singer's ability to sing every type of song with the right amount of strength and emotion. All in all, however, his voice had an overall nice quality tone to it, so it was still successful in the band's mix.

There were not many people in the audience at this event, but those not in attendance were definitely missing out. This band has some real potential to become a more popular music choice of many.

The Alfred James Band was a cheap and enjoyable way to spend a low-key Saturday night. My grade: B.

FACTOIDS SEITH

Yahrzeit/Commemoration

The anniversary of a person's day of death is significant in both Jewish and Christian observance. In Judaism, every individual's death is commemorated year by year among family members and in the synagogue. Yahrzeit is a Yiddish word derived from the German, meaning "a year's time." The practice of remembering the departed began among Jews in Talmudic times (late antiquity). Jewish custom is to light a candle for the full 24-hour period of the Yahrzeit, symbolizing the human spirit, which Proverbs 20:27 says "is the lamp of the Lord." As early as the 2nd century CE, Christians began observing the days of martyrs' deaths as their "birthdays" into eternal life. Over time, the cycle of commemorations of the saints has come to fill the Christian calendar. Among Roman Catholics, priests will "say Mass," or offer the sacrifice of the Mass, in the name of the departed, and candles are lit in their honor; Protestants offer prayers of thanks for the gifts of God received through the person's life, and read from their writings or about their deeds as in inspiration.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Thursday, September 12

SU Lobby "JERZY JUNG"

Friday, September 13

Shankweiler Bridge (Band)

"BUDDHA TRIBE"

Red Door (Movie)

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER"

Red Door (Comedian)

"CHRIS JOHNSON"

11pm-1am SU Lobby (Band)

"JEZNICK" FREE COFFEE & DESSERTS

10pm-2am SU Lobby (Free) "PHOTO BOOTH"

Saturday, September 14

6:30pm Red Door (Movie)

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER"

9-10pm Red Door (Comedian)

"PETE CORREALE"

11pm SU Lobby (Singer) "DEVON"

10pm-2am SU Lobby (Free)

"VIDEO SNOWBOARD & SURFING"

Sunday, September 15

BUS TRIP TO HAIRSPRAY (sold out)

6:30pm Red Door (Movie)

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER"

GO MAC!

Wednesday, September 18

MAC MEETING AT 5PM IN TRUMBOWER 130



horoscopes

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Aries

This week you need to put your social life ahead of schoolwork. You can't keep yourself locked up forever. Go out and meet some new people and most of all HAVE FUN!

Leo

This week you will realize the person you love the most can't always be there for you. Don't put all your faith in one person. Turn to others to support you in your time of need. Learn to open up to new people and experiences.

Sagittarius

You've been feeling down lately but don't worry, things will soon improve for you. You will find a new passion and it will make you feel more happy and fulfilled than ever.

Taurus

Reach out to other people this week. If someone close to you has been having difficulties talk to them and try to cheer them up. It will make both of you a lot happier in the end.

Virgo

Take a risk. Do something you've always wanted to do but never thought you could. Be more confident in yourself and the choices you make.

Capricorn

This week your workload will be low but your stress level will still be high. Take this extra time to relieve some stress. Go exercise, listen to loud music, relax, do whatever it takes to make you less tense.

Gemini

This week will be a tough one. You'll be put under a lot of pressure to meet certain deadlines. However someone you love may pleasantly surprise you so don't despair! Watch for this surprise around Saturday.

Libra

This week you will have problems in a relationship, either romantic or platonic. Don't be afraid to tell the other person how you feel. If they really love and respect you they will want you to be honest with them.

Aquarius

This week will be a good one. You'll feel accomplished with your work and you'll meet a special person who'll get your heart beating and make you feel those butterflies in your stomach again.

Cancer

Your life is looking up. It may have been hard readjusting to school life but now you're back in the swing of things. Your old friendships will become stronger than ever before. Cherish them.

Scorpio

Try something new. You're someone who likes to play things safe and always stay in familiar territory. Talk to new people, try a new type of food, listen to new music. Just learn to be more open-minded.

Pisces

This week you will learn that not all fights and mistakes are bad. Sometimes you learn from a mistake and once your relationship recovers from a big fight or a trying time it may be stronger than ever before.

Movies at AMC Tilghman

Austin Powers in Goldmember

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40,
10:00
Sun. 1:40,
4:40, 7:40

Signs

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30,
10:10
Sun. 1:30,
4:30, 7:30

Barbershop

Fri. 4:40,
7:40, 10:15
Sat. 1:40,
4:40, 7:40,
10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40



Stealing Harvard

Fri. 5:00, 8:00,
10:10
Sat. 2:00, 5:00,
8:00, 10:10
Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

City by the Sea

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Swimfan

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50,
10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

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Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10,
10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Top five ways to annoy your roommate:

- 5) When your roommate talks to you, walk out of the room mid-sentence and walk back in pretending nothing has just happened
- 4) Steal your roommate's towel and claim the towel fairy took it
- 3) Eat all of your roommate's food and order him angrily to restock at GQ and insist he uses his own meal plan
- 2) Sleep with all the lights on and claim you are mortified (not just plain scared) by the dark
- 1) Turn the bathroom lights off when your roommate is in the shower and scream fire drill

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Chris Reed broke three school records against Kings Point this past weekend: points in a game, points in a career by a kicker, points in a career for extra points and tied the school record for field goals.



In the Buttermaker Volleyball tournament this past weekend, Meghan Billie made her 1,000th kill of her career.

Josephine Fasolino, keeper for the field hockey team, has 9 saves to go before she breaks the Mules career record.



Mule Volleyball set a school record with a .463 hitting percentage at the Buttermaker tournament.

Mules men's soccer team is ranked 6th in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Mules cross country easily defeated the two other Division III schools in the Lehigh Valley Championships and tied the Division I team, Lafayette, with 100 points.



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Fresh and ready to go

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or game. In college, we have to dedicate ourselves to the sport as well as keep a good balance between our academics and athletics."

The field hockey team has started out with a 2-1 record and Stoller looks forward to the rest of the season, which includes some overnight trips and night games, which certainly were not customary of the high school season.

Steve Raab echoed the sentiments of Stoller, 18, from North Broward High School in Boca Raton, Florida. The sport certainly takes up a lot more time and is more "of a burden" on your whole life. While it does take up a lot of time, Raab goes on to say that he "has bonded with teammates more than I ever did in high school and it is actually fun to be playing college football," despite all the pithy complaints he may have. While Pennsylvania may not be the coolest state during the summer, Raab

did play football in Florida and played basically his entire season in hazy, hot and humid weather. He looks forward to playing in the colder months and is even hoping for a game in the snow.

"Wouldn't that be great? I have always played video games in the snow and I cannot wait to be involved in a real football game with snow," says the freshman.

The football team is off to a quick start with their convincing win over Kings Point. While Raab speaks of the complex playbook and the inordinate amount of learning to do as a freshman playing football, he seems excited for the rest of his college football career. Playing college athletics is one of the more difficult things to do because it involves so much time management and balancing of one's lifestyle. Betsy Stoller and Steve Raab appear to be off to great starts and are already reaping the benefits of the wonderful sport program here at Muhlenberg.

Football starts off with a win

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Senior co-captain and defensive end Mike Koth was pleased with the defenses' performance. "Coach gave us a game plan and we executed the best we could. Against a team like that [Kings Point], you just try and control their key player, who in this case was the quarterback."

The Muhlenberg defense held Kings Point quarterback Dan Circelli to 86 yards passing from 11 completions out of 24 attempts.

"Kings Point ran a pretty straightforward, line 'em-up offense that comes right at you," Koth explained, "almost the exact opposite of Cal Lutheran who runs wide open formations and relies heavily on speed."

On Saturday Muhlenberg hosts California Lutheran, who outscored the Mules 44-20 in their first ever Sept.

8th meeting last season, when the Kingsmen amassed 418 yards of total



Bo Rodrigues is brought down after his interception that set up the Mules first touchdown

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

offense against the Mules.

"This is one of the toughest games this year for us," said Koth. "They gave us quite a game last year, but we have revenge on our side."

Muhlenberg is set to play Cal Lutheran Sat. Sept. 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Freshmen realize what it's like to play with the big kids

BY BRIAN FARRELLY
Weekly Sports Writer

The College's athletic program is very popular and although it is Division III, it is still highly competitive. Many of our incoming freshmen choose to participate in a sport and there are many here for them to choose. Each team has started the fall seasons and there are many new additions to each of the teams. Betsy Stoller and Steve Raab are each members of the respective sports teams and look

forward to exciting years.

Stoller, 18, of Basking Ridge, NJ attended Ridge

High School and notices some differences between the field hockey teams at

each school. While the practices do not seem harder or more strenuous, the coaches do seem "more intense" and the players are certainly much more competitive.

In college, she says, "there is so much more time spent dedicated to the sport then there was in high school. Before coming to college, a sport was just an after school thing, and maybe the occasional Saturday morning practice



Freshman Betsy Stoller and Steve Raab.

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Women's & Men's Cross Country

Mule Classic

Sat. Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m.
(at Cedar Crest
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Football

Mules vs. Cal Lutheran
Sat. Sept. 14, at
1:00 p.m.

Women's soccer Mules vs. Moravian

Sat. Sept. 14, at
6:00 p.m.

Men's soccer Mules vs. Arcadia

Mon. Sept 16, at
7:00 p.m.

Sports Recap



Field Hockey

The field hockey team is at it again. The Mules (2-1) won their second home game of the season against the Frostburg State Bobcats. Sophomore Sarah Fosdick made the only goal that night putting the Mules in the lead, 1-0. This was Fosdick's first career goal. Dominating once again, Josephine Fasolino had her 13th career shutout. Fasolino is also a step away from breaking the Mules career record of 398 saves; she only needs nine more to go.



Laura Diez eludes the defender.

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Volleyball

Mules (3-4) were one of two teams that went 2-0 on the first day of the tournament. Senior Meghan Billie became the third player in the Muhlenberg Volleyball's team history to reach the 1,000-kill mark for her career. Putting her over the top was her 14 kills in the Misericordia match. Julie Lauro continued to prove her great abilities as a freshman adding 36 kills to her career. Billie says, "The team has a lot of talent this year and I'm looking forward to showing everyone what we are capable of." Adding to the records made at this tournament, the Mules set a record with a .463 hitting percentage against Farmingdale.



Women's Soccer

At the Kwik Goal Classic this weekend Muhlenberg went up against Scranton and Richard Stockton. Although Muhlenberg lost to Scranton 5-1, they got themselves on the board. The Mules tied the game at halftime, 1-1. Junior Courtney Levine made the goal with an assist from Junior Monica Jones.



Mules fall short in tourney

BY BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

Coming off two impressive 1-0 victories at the Tiger Invitational two weeks ago, the men's soccer team had high expectations coming into last weekend's Kwik Goal/TGI Friday's Classic.

The Mules faced familiar foes; DeSales and Moravian and expected to continue their winning ways on their home turf. The Mules played well in both games but fell short 3-0 and 2-1.

In their opener, the Mules controlled the ball and the pace of the game.

They doubled the Bulldogs' shot attempts, 18 to 9, but were unable capi-

talize on their opportunities.

The Mules only trailed 1-0 deep into the second half when DeSales scored on two breakaway opportunities.

In the tournament finale against Moravian the story was much the same.

Again, the tempo favored the Mules and they out-



Justin Marx attacks the ball.

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shot the Greyhounds fifteen to ten.

Their lone goal came from Mike Hochkeppel in the 70th minute from just outside the penalty box.

Moravian, like DeSales was able to come up with several breakaway chances resulting in scores.

Unfortunately, the Mules had a goal called back in the final minute of the game, when the referee made a controversial offsides call on a Mules shot that would have tied the game.

The Mules continued play this week against Wilkes and Scranton with a victory over Wilkes on Tuesday.

If the Mules continue their solid play throughout the season, they can expect a great deal of success.

Mules soccer is in tip-top shape

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as head coach, from 1986-2002, Tipping earned a reputation as a "humorous," yet respected coach.

Leading the Mules to three Centennial Conference championships, eight NCAA Tournament births, and one Final Four appearance (which Tipping participated in as a player), Tipping achieved in less than two decades what many coaches may never accomplish in a lifetime.

Receiving three regional coach of the year awards from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), Tipping commanded the admiration and respect of his peers.

Himself a member of the NSCAA, Tipping joined the organization in 1983 working his way up the ranks from assistant director in 1994 to director in 1996.

During this past summer, when asked to act as full-time director of coaching education for the NSCAA, Tipping acquiesced.

Enter Sean Topping, a former standout player on the College men's soccer team.

In his four illustrious years at Muhlenberg (1994-98), this psychology major was a four-time letter winner, captain, twice named to the All-Centennial Conference team and twice a Regional All-American.

His greatest memory was playing on the 1995 team that played in the Final Four under Coach Tipping.

After graduating, Topping served as an assistant coach at Muhlenberg in 1999 and again in 2000.

He spent the past year in Lugano, Switzerland, as head coach of the men's soccer team at Franklin College.

The choice to fill the vacated position of men's head soccer coach with Topping was obvious.

Playing under Tipping for four years, and coaching with him for two, Topping makes it no secret that his style as a coach is reminiscent of his predecessor.

"I've learned a lot from him, as a player and a coach. I definitely consider him a mentor."

Although Topping models his strategic approach to the game after his former coach, he differs in persona.

"I'm not necessarily as humorous as him [Tipping]," coach Topping says with a laugh, "but I'm not a slave-driver by any means."

Already familiar with many of the players from the 1999 and 2000 teams, he has garnered their respect as a coach and a person.

They will attest to his desire to win with his intensely competitive persona on the field and in

practice.

"Coach Topping is all business on the field and we have the utmost respect for him," junior midfielder Evan Smallwood was recently quoted as saying.

He continued, "At the same time, he's easy-going and easy to talk to off the field. I think that's a great combo for a coach."

Topping hopes to make it a great combo for the Mules as well. When asked of his hopes for the season, he seemed very optimistic in saying, "We want to win the Centennial Conference and earn an appearance at the NCAA tournament."

The Mules strong play on Sunday against Moravian College, despite their loss at the hands of a controversial call, bodes well for Coach Topping and the team's aspirations.

With all their in-league games remaining, the Mules, who went from Tipping to Topping, hope to be weaving their way past opponents this season.

The Mules succeeded again during the week against Wilkes, 1-0. Freshman James Henshaw's ball glided over the top of the goalkeepers head and scored for the Mules, making this his first career goal at the College.

Muhlenberg is set to play Arcadia Mon. Sept. 16, at 7:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Muhlenberg puts Kings Point in checkmate

By CHRIS PRICE
Weekly Sports Writer

In their season and home-opening 54-3 victory over Kings Point, the Muhlenberg College football bevy generated 19 first downs over the course of 347 offensive yards, while limiting the Long Island offense to less than half as many first downs and total yards from scrimmage.

Muhlenberg kicker Chris Reed netted eighteen points and surpassed three school records, including most points scored in a game, most career points by a kicker with 123, and most career extra points with 81.

After the Mules drew first blood with a three-yard Justin Jones to Kodi Shay touchdown dump, and the ensuing point-after from Reed, Kings Point answered with a 23-yard field goal from kicker Eric Hedval.

With the score 7-3 and 4:26 left in the half, Reed would spot up for his first and what would prove his longest field goal attempt of the day from 49 yards. "I felt pretty

relaxed," Reed admitted. "They don't expect me to make those as often so I just tried to put some points on the board because the game was still close."

Although Reed's successful 49-yard field goal attempt tied the third longest in school history, he was more surprised at the decision to kick rather than the length of the kick itself.

"I thought with the score as close as it was that we were going to go for it, but I had been called on before for a fifty-

yarder so I was prepared when the time came."

With three seconds left in the half, Reed drilled his second field goal of the game with a 36-yard attempt that gave the Mules a 13-3 lead.



Matt Bernardo pushes through the defensive line.

Muhlenberg exploded in the second half, scoring fourteen in the third quarter and 27 points in the fourth. "We struggled somewhat in the first half," quarterback Justin Jones explained. "I had some bad throws that ended in interceptions. But when we came out of the gates, we came hard, and just kept

rolling from there."

With help from junior running back Matt Bernado, who carried the ball twelve times for 50 yards, Muhlenberg established a balanced attack that registered 128 yards on the ground and 210 in the air. Raushan Person, one of three Muhlenberg wide receivers to pull at least four catches and 39 yards, led the Mules with 60 yards.

"We have a lot of good receivers, so we don't have to be focused on just one," Reed credited these multiple weapons as facilitators for his record-breaking performances.

"I felt pretty good. Every time I turned around it seemed like I got another chance. Our defense would stop them relatively quick and our offense just took over."

Coupled with the second half offensive awakening, the Muhlenberg defense held the ground they established in the first, forcing seven punts, three interceptions and as many fumbles over the 28:52 of Kings Point possession time.

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Profile of a Mule

Three-time record breaker this week -- Chris Reed

By MATT FLEISSIG
Weekly Sports Writer

Chris Reed, Class of '03 has been kicking field goals since the age of 12. However, Chris did not always play football. He was originally a soccer player until his junior high football team, in Reading, Pa., needed a new kicker. After his first field goal attempt, he realized that he had a gift.

Reed never gave up his soccer cleats once he started playing football. He kicks with a cleat that is 2 sizes smaller than his real shoe of size 11 and wears a basketball shoe on his left foot.

Last Saturday, during the Mules first game of the season, Reed broke three Muhlenberg College records and tied another. For a kicker he now holds the most

points in a game (18), career points (123), extra points (81) and tied for field goals in a game (4). After Saturday's showing, he was also awarded the Centennial Conference player of the week.

Reed, who claims to eat more than anyone else at team breakfasts, also tied the third longest field goal in Muhlenberg history on Saturday with a 49 yard kick. Maybe it's Wheaties. Reed is graduating with a double major in Business Administration and Economics, but given the opportunity he would like to try and kick professionally.

Reed is very excited for his final season at Muhlenberg, he said, "This team has the most potential in the four years I have been here."

There's more to it then a vowel change: Tipping's out, Topping's in

By BOB PETERSON
Weekly Sports Writer

During the waning moments of a recent Muhlenberg College men's soccer game against Moravian College, a controversial off-sides call negated a goal scored that would have evened the score 2-2.

While Muhlenberg fans protested in outrage, newly appointed coach Sean Topping questioned the referee in a composed fashion.

Turning to the stands, he asked, "Was it (off-sides)?" An objective viewer hesitated and replied, "It looks like it was," as Coach Topping nodded and turned his attention toward the game.

This native of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, seems to know a thing or two about pressure, evidenced by the fact that he worked on Wall

Street for a year. A Muhlenberg graduate in the class of 1998, Topping

coached for the men's soccer team as an assistant under the tutelage of former head coach Jeff Tipping.

Crediting Tipping for much of his knowledge in soccer and coaching, Topping speaks of the aforementioned as a "mentor."

The "mentor," Jeff Tipping, recently left a void in the athletic department as he stepped down as head coach of the Muhlenberg College men's soccer and golf teams.

Accumulating a record of 225-71-21 in sixteen seasons



Coach Topping leads his team at practice.

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Students remember Sept. 11

BY DANIELLE
MARCANTUONO
Weekly News Writer

Sept. 11, 2001 was a day of infamy and tragedy that will forever be embedded in the minds of many Americans. For many members of the College Community, the one-year anniversary of that fateful event was a somber day of mournful remembrance and deep reflection. The College planned a wide variety of events, which were open to all members of the community to commemorate the historic day.

Between 8:46 and 9:03 a.m. the sound of tolling bells rang out from the Haas

Bell Tower as many sat and listened on the College Green and in Parents Plaza. College Chaplain Peter Bredlau reflected upon those somber minutes during which two hijacked planes struck the World Trade Center in New York City one year earlier. "We felt it was important to evoke something in people's minds by ringing the bells for just a few moments," said Bredlau.

From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. an open microphone sat in front of the Seegers Union fireplace. Chaplain Bredlau said that the primary focus of the event was to promote self-expression.

President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Mike Ficchi '03,



Students gathered in front of the flag on the College Green on Sept. 11 for a candlelight memorial.

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shared his feelings on the microphone as he paid tribute to a close friend, a fire fighter whose life was claimed in the attacks on New York City. "I knew that he had died doing what he loved."

An Inter-Faith Prayer Service was held in the Chapel at 12:30 p.m. After Chaplain Bredlau lead everyone in a Lutheran Litany of Remembrance, students of Protestant, Buddhist, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Islamic and Hindu faiths recited readings from each of the religious traditions they represented. Chaplain Bredlau's hope



Chaplain Peter Bredlau spoke at the candlelight memorial on Sept. 11.

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NASA grant to improve science on campus

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

With the support of U.S. Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum, the College has received \$1.5 million to develop a science program that will bring NASA data and technologies into the classroom.

The program will enhance education in areas of the College including the physics, astronomy, chemistry, biology, environmental science, mathematics and computer science departments.

Part of the funding will go toward the purchase and installation of a robotic telescope on land adjacent to Australia's National Observatory in New South Wales, where it will be maintained by an observatory professional. The telescope will be available for use by students and faculty of the College as well as by area elementary and secondary partnership schools by Spring 2003.

"The telescope will add

so much to our study of science here at the College," said Dr. Donald Shive, head of the Chemistry Department.

Because of the time difference between Allentown and New South Wales, students attending daytime classes will be able to study the southern night sky in real time via the Internet. The College, along with Telescopes in Education, will join together to make the telescope available worldwide when it is not being used locally.

"The ability to access data from across the solar system or across the Lehigh Valley will provide an important learning experience for our students," said Dr. Robert Milligan, head of the Physics Department and one of the project directors.

The project will also fund remote sensing equipment for data collection at the Raker Field Station, which is owned by the College and includes wetlands and high-

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Turning Point fights domestic violence closer to campus

BY REBECCA LEVY
Weekly News Writer

Turning Point, the Lehigh Valley social justice organization and a part of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, announced last week the election of Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, to its Board of Directors. Turning Point is celebrating its 25th anniversary during which time Dean Wilson

and her husband Daniel Wilson, Professor of History, together with many members of the College community, have been active participants in its many programs and projects. These programs and projects range from maintaining a 24-hour hotline for victims of domestic violence, providing shelters and transitional housing to victims of abuse, to sponsoring training and educa-

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Looking out for your country

On Fri., Sept. 13 three men were stopped on a Florida interstate due to the suspicions of a woman who overheard their conversation earlier that day. Supposedly she heard them say that if Americans "were sad on 9/11, wait until 9/13." These men were detained for hours as well as had their cars searched for explosives. In any normal situation most individuals would believe that the Florida police had done their job to protect the people of this country. Their duty is to investigate all potential problems in addition to tips provided by the average citizen. The problem arises when you take the three men's ethnicity into account. They were all Muslim-Americans and because of this the possibility of racial profiling comes into discussion.

There is not room left for an idealist society where we believe that all people are inherently good and the "bad guys" will be eventually caught.

We are not at all in favor of racial profiling but the fact remains that this country has been forever changed since Sept. 11.

No longer is it enough to merely "look into" an incident, every event must be thoroughly investigated in order to ensure the safety of the country as a whole. If there had been a bomb in one of those cars everyone would be hailing the police and the woman who called them as heroes. Just because nothing turned up this time, does not mean it will always turn out in this positive manner. No one should be deterred from informing the authorities about suspicions due to fears of being labeled a racist. A few individuals may be inconvenienced but that is the price we all must pay for national security. There is not room left for an idealist society where we believe that all people are inherently good and the "bad guys" will be eventually caught. This is not to say that anyone of a particular race or ethnicity should be targeted but if there is valid evidence for an investigation then it should not be hindered by fear of later scrutiny by the public. We sympathize with those men who were detained but if that is what it takes to keep another tragedy from happening again, then so be it.

In defense of our president

Steven Kreider
Weekly Guest Columnist

I am sick and tired of reading ignorant columnists claim our president, George W. Bush, is "dumb." This is a common attack by those who do not have any solid arguments against the president or his character. This same "dumb" president is the one who destroyed Al Gore in the 2000 Presidential debates, and has an MBA from Harvard University. His opponent failed out of graduate school and never made it through Law School at Vanderbilt, despite being the son of Tennessee Senator Al Gore, Sr.

Another attack from the left is that Bush and Republicans, are "pro-business." What is wrong with being pro-business? It is not a sin to be friend of ethical corporate America. After all, none of us at all levels of the economic ladder would have jobs if it weren't for strong corporations. Both Republicans and Democrats take the same amount in contributions from corporations and Democrats also hit up unions for millions.

Democrats also blame the President for the current problems in corporate America. Do you really think companies just started cooking their books in Jan. 2001 when George W. Bush was sworn in as President? Absolutely not. Former President Bill Clinton didn't crack down on corporate criminals because he was too busy entertaining the ridiculously wealthy in cor-

porate America to high priced nights in the Lincoln Bedroom. Enron Chief Kenneth Lay was just one of Clinton's guests.

Republicans: the party of corporate America? How about Mark Rich? The greatest white-collar criminal in U.S. history was pardoned by none other than fellow cheat Bill Clinton.

Why are Democrat Members of Congress hesitant for movement against Iraq? Many of these same members were in favor of it when Clinton bombed the country in 1998. If anything they should be clamoring louder for the invasion of a state that harbors terrorism and does not allow the United Nations to continue its weapons inspection.

What is Saddam Hussein hiding? Should we appease him and wait until he fires a nuclear weapon our way? Do we have to wait to be attacked until we can take military action? We have tried appeasement before and it doesn't work. We learned this lesson in World War II when fighting Adolf Hitler. Perhaps millions more could have been saved if we overthrew this tyrant earlier, and didn't wait until we were attacked to join the inevitable war. We must learn from history, and I believe this is why our president is serious about Iraq.

President Bush knows the primary job of government is to protect its citizens. For this reason I am choosing to support my president as he and his cabinet work to protect us from those who try to extinguish us and our way of life.

Diamonds are a procrastinator's best friend

John Dunphy
Weekly Guest Columnist

With your backpack full of excruciating labor, you desperately search for a place to relax. With much effort you return to your dorm and drop your worries on your bed. This is just one of those times you desperately need a fix. Like a heroin addict, you religiously take your computer off of power save and ferociously double click the little blue face on your desktop. Finally with a sigh, you begin your intake of one of the most self-destructive forces out there. No my friends, I speak not of coke, marijuana or even caffeine. The drug I speak of is the enemy of hard work everywhere: Snood.

Maybe this is a little dramatic, but true nonetheless.

Even though college has a workload doubled, perhaps tripled, from that of high school, procrastination is still running rampant. Hours can be spent in front of a glowing screen, launching faces trying to beat the infamous, "evil" level, and yet a student will claim they have no time for studying.

It is not only the game of Snood that has become addictive. Diamond Mine, Pocket Tanks and a great many more have been found to eat up time at an exponential rate. The problem goes beyond computers and extends towards video games on X-Box and Playstation. Students waste their time in front of a screen, eyes glazed over, mouths open, and all for what? To beat their own all time high. It's almost sad.

Granted, we haven't even

gotten through September yet, and maybe the teachers have just started giving you a greater deal of work, but if the gaming continues it will get more difficult to do work. With time, decisions on whether to do homework or play a game will have to be made, and in more time the decision will assuredly be the game.

Even amongst friends in Seegers, there seems to be a need to play and do better than the person before you. One game turns into two, and two turns into ten. It's a basic destructive cycle. The worst part is, it's the simplest games that cause the most problems. Games that are easy to understand and only require three buttons are much more addictive than

Muhlenberg College: The easy life



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Although no one here likes to admit it, we Muhlenbergers are living a very privileged life. Most of us are supported by our parents, went to good elementary schools and high schools, drive decent cars and have money in our bank accounts. For the most part we don't go hungry (unless it's a voluntary fast from campus food); don't go without air conditioning or heat; have hot, running water; and always have a room to go home to at night. However, if you walk around

Muhlenberg and eavesdrop into people's conversations it will be very likely that someone will be complaining about how bad we have it here at Muhlenberg. For example, how many times this week have you complained about your living situation or the food, or even complained that you have nothing to wear while you stand in front of your closet that is filled to the brim with clothes?

According to the Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics there are 70.4 million children in the

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Stop bad habits early

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complex games that involve your whole attention.

People feel that a game that appears to be generally simple is a sure-fire way to win. Anytime they die, or lose, it is passed off as merely a fluke and it won't happen the next time the person plays. So they have to play again to prove to themselves that they cannot be beaten by a simple two-dimensional game. Thus the pattern is repeated, over and over again. "I play way more than I should," stated first-year Steven Prutzman in reference to the game of Pocket Tanks.

It seems pretty scary, but this could very well happen to you. What players have to remember is that there are other things out there. Trees are great, and so is grass. They should never say to them-

selves, "Just one more game," since that is pretty darn near impossible. If you really need to play the game, whether it be that you need to relax, or you have A.D.D. and the colors can keep you focused for more than thirty seconds, then it would be best to schedule a time. Maybe at night before you go to bed or in between classes, that way you have to walk away from the game.

I will admit, there is a certain satisfaction seeing your name on every one of the top ten slots in the first screen shot of Snood, but it is a feeling that is short lived. There does seem to be a need to play to relieve the stress of college. Just keep yourself in check and make sure that you're doing your work. I highly doubt that an English professor would appreciate "Dave's Poems" as a significant literary source.

Appreciating Muhlenberg

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United States and of those children sixteen percent live below the poverty line. Roughly eleven million children really do not have anything to eat, anywhere to live (35 percent of the children in America have severe housing problems), or anything to wear. In 1999, 86 percent of the young adults in America completed high school, but only 33 percent of young adults who completed high school went on to higher education. The main reason for not continuing the higher education process was that college is unaffordable. For the most part, students who go on to higher education have some monetary

help from their family, and the rest of their tuition is paid for with loans and scholarships, but what do you do when you have no family to help you pay, no scholarships, and you can't get a loan? If you think about it, by the time you graduate from Muhlenberg you will have spent at least \$80,000 on your education, possibly more. Higher education is a huge investment that many students take for granted on a daily basis.

So the next time you are sitting around wondering why you have it so bad, consider this: the majority of the eleven million children living under the poverty line will never attend a private four

year college. As students, we are presented with an amazing life opportunity here at Muhlenberg, and as if the chance for an excellent education is not good enough, we are pampered, too. Just think about it, if you attend Muhlenberg and live on campus you have: a safe community with constant police presence to live in, a decent place to live with support from your peers, a house keeper, laundry service, phone service, a free health center and decent food plans.

We are very lucky here at Muhlenberg, we have a great opportunity to do something amazing, so let's not take it for granted and appreciate what we have.

To draft, or not to draft, that is the question

Michael Sabella
Weekly Guest Columnist

By now you should have already heard the news. Last Thursday, President George W. Bush went before the United Nations and gave them evidence of why the United States feels Iraq and Saddam Hussein should be considered a threat to not only the United States, but to the rest of the world. His speech was made in the face of increasing international and domestic speculation over whether or not the Iraqi dictator should be overthrown and by whom.

In an attempt to assure that the United States is not going to act unilaterally, Bush implored the United Nations to force Iraq to adhere to U.N. resolutions already passed, the most important of which are the U.N. weapons inspections. However, during his speech, President Bush essentially said that the United States is fully prepared to act either on its own, or with U.N. nations. But the question that must be addressed is not whether or not we should act without international support, but rather can we? As one can see, getting rid of Saddam Hussein is not going to be the only problem. Does the United States have the military capabilities to not only invade Iraq, but to maintain control of the region after the fact?

The United States has the

weapons system needed for such an assault, but do we have the manpower. Many different military plans are being discussed regarding the number of troops that would be necessary for such an action. One of the plans being discussed, nicknamed Desert Storm II by *Newsweek*, indicates that the United States would need 250,000 troops in order to successfully invade Iraq. Do we have the manpower needed to win a conflict with Iraq, and then to control and support the region until a more stable government is in place? The United States is spread out all over the world. We have troops in Korea, Eastern Europe and Afghanistan. Are we going to have to reactivate the draft?

Following Sept. 11, there was an increased interest in joining the military, but as statistics show there has been no appreciable increase in the actual numbers volunteering.

If the United Nations and other countries choose not to support us with troops, then the United States might be forced to bring back the draft. As a quick reminder, the draft focused on eighteen to twenty-six year old males and, as per federal law, every male must register for Selective Service within 30 days of his eighteen birthday. Many who are gung-ho about the recent turn of events, should be reminded of the true consequences of war. It needs men in order to fight. Are we prepared to let Iraq become our generation's Vietnam?

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Weekly Discourse: M.I.L.E. houses

A valuable experience or a waste of money?

Aaron Bova
Weekly Guest Columnist

Why does the M.I.L.E. area cost more and is it really worth it? This is a common question on campus and from parents each year before the annual M.I.L.E. house lottery. The first part of the question spurs a straightforward response. The M.I.L.E. area includes a kitchen and much larger living areas, which in turn translates into higher cost for utilities and appliances/facility maintenance. Some students have found their independent niche within the many residence halls on campus and do not see the immediate benefits of moving into the M.I.L.E. area. On the other hand more than 500 plus students throw their hat in the ring each year with the hopes of scoring one of the 70 plus apartments and houses. Although the M.I.L.E. area is not for everyone and simply cannot accommodate everyone, there are several reasons why the M.I.L.E. option is financially worth it.

As we all know, a student living in the residence hall area is required to carry at a minimum a fifteen per week meal plan, which adds an additional \$1,425 per semester to the room cost of \$1,647.50 per semester for a grand total of \$3,072.50 for room and board. The reality is that the average student misses at least two or three of these fifteen meal times per week. Even if a student has the popular declining option (which comes at a much higher rate), we all

know that many of those missed meals go to purchase your friends cases of water and bagel bombs when you realize you have entered the race -- 80 swipes and only two weeks to go. Why does this matter? The answer is simple: M.I.L.E. residents have the opportunity to drop their meal plan completely. Of course this leaves them to shop for themselves, but the majority of students would be hard pressed to spend \$1,425 on food in a single semester (this excludes beer for you 21 plus students). The average student spends between \$100-\$200 a month on groceries (\$350-\$700 per semester). This is yet another cost for a M.I.L.E. resident, but the benefit is obvious. For those of you keeping track, the raw numbers add up to less for a M.I.L.E. resident, \$3,072.50 per semester room and board for the residence hall student vs. \$2,950 per semester for the M.I.L.E. resident with a \$200 per month grocery bill. In addition, the M.I.L.E. resident has the independence to cook whatever they want whenever they want it.

The financial and conservational benefits of living in a M.I.L.E. house, outlined above, may not be the first thing that comes to mind when students look at the M.I.L.E. "price tag." However, as I have shown, a simple cost-benefit analysis not only shows the benefits of the M.I.L.E. area to students, but also introduces students to a practical budget. This is only one of the many important life skills acquired by living in the M.I.L.E. area.

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

At first glance living in a M.I.L.E. house provided by the College seems like an excellent idea. Not only are you provided with a house close to campus, but everything seems to be paid for you. Your heat and water costs, as well as electricity and Internet access, is handed to you on a silver platter for just a few dollars more than living in East or Martin Luther. The problem arises when you look at it from the school's perspective.

Due to new zoning laws implemented by the city of Allentown, there are now restrictions of how many people can live in a M.I.L.E. house. The situation used to be, you and three of your closest friends all cohabitating in an environment comfortable for all of you. Now that number has been cut to only two or three depending on the size of the house. The houses remain the same size but the number of occupants living in them have been cut almost in half. The conclusion obviously follows that Muhlenberg College is spending twice as much money to house the same amount of students as it did before these new restrictions were put in place. I realize that a lot of fundraising has been done in recent years, but how long will it be before these new expenses are passed on to the student? While these off-campus "dorms" may have once been a good idea to pro-

vide students with an alternative living situation, now they seem to be causing more harm than good.

The lucky few that get to live in these houses are afforded with the luxury of what is equivalent to a mansion in college terms. The rest of the students, on the other hand, suffer the burden of having to deal with the rising cost that these real estate woes are sure to put in place. It seems as though students would be better served living in either South or Robertson Hall. At times, these new dorms may pale in comparison to having your very own off-campus house, but that is not so. In each instance you basically have your own bedroom, kitchen (excluding the stove and oven) and living area. Granted, living in a M.I.L.E. house is more spacious but is the cost for many worth the benefit to the few?

In addition to the money issue, the other question to be asked is why do students want to live in a M.I.L.E. house? The answer is obviously to gain independence and a sense of freedom while still being connected to the campus. My problem is, how much independence are you really getting when the school is paying your water bill and telling you how many people you can live with. If Muhlenberg students really want a "new" living experience then maybe they should head out into Allentown with the Real Estate section in hand and find a house on their own. In this scenario the burden is taken off the school and students finally get a taste of the "real world."

Rushing for the right reasons

Becca Van Aken
Weekly Guest Columnist

Why should I go Greek? This is a common question that many Muhlenberg students contemplate during rush. For some students, they want to have the opportunity to wear Greek letters. Others simply want to be able to party with other houses. Wearing letters and going to sorority/fraternity socials are two obvious benefits of joining a Greek organization on campus. These opportunities are perks, and should not be the sole ground to go Greek. Join a sorority or fraternity for more important reasons.

Being part of a Greek organization is an excellent way to meet new friends and expand your social hori-

zons. Many of the Greeks, including myself will attest to the fact that they, have met their closest friends through pledging and becoming a sister or brother. The sororities and fraternities on campus have rich pasts full of tradition and pride. Joining one enables you to become a part of something larger than the 'Berg bubble or the Allentown community. It allows you to be a part of a national organization with members from all geographic areas and social backgrounds. Networking is an end result of becoming a part of a nationally recognized Greek organization. While on job interviews, many Greeks have been surprised to learn that their interviewer is a former alum of their chapter.

Even though socializing is

an important aspect of Greek life, it should not be the only motive to pledge. Community service is an area in which Muhlenberg's sororities and fraternities excel.

Greeks are not just consumed with their social life; rather, they are generally concerned about Muhlenberg, Allentown and their nation. In this past year, Muhlenberg's Greek organizations have volunteered for over 3,000 hours of community service and raised over \$6,000 for worthy endeavors. The sororities and fraternities have donated their time and energy to such community service activities as Jefferson Field Day, the M.S. Walk-A-Thon, the YMCA kids-fest and the Pinebrook Foster Children Christmas Party. The members have also vol-

unteered for Allentown groups including Big Brother Big Sister, Bike Works and Cityspace, and helped at local shelters and other service organizations. Clearly Greeks are not only social beings, but also civic-minded individuals.

The members of Muhlenberg's sororities and fraternities are not simply defined by their Greek letters; they instead are individuals with diverse majors, interests and aspirations. Greeks are active classroom participants and campus leaders. From English to Biology majors, Greeks are committed to academic and personal excellence. Many sorority and fraternity members are on the Dean's List, participate in MTA's productions and/or play an intramural or varsity sport. While they enjoy

going to socials on the weekend, Greeks realize and value the importance of their educational opportunities at Muhlenberg.

If you are rushing, be informed; take some time to get to know each house and its members. You will be pleased to find that each Greek organization represents diversity within Muhlenberg College and cannot be pinned down by clichéd labels. While some people view pledging as a way to improve social status, it is not that. Greek organizations are sister and brotherhoods. Rushing enables you to choose your own family. Use information, not speculation, to make the significant decision to pledge. Lastly, take a deep breath and enjoy your experience rushing and pledging.

Legacy at large with Class of 2006

By LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

The faces on campus span generations as the children of alumni continue to enroll at the College. Legacy students, the relatives of Muhlenberg alumni, are a growing phenomenon on campus. This fall, 41 freshmen were related to a Muhlenberg alumnus.

The addition of 41 new legacy students to the student body complements the 38 legacy students from the Class of 2005 and 42 legacy students from the Class of 2004.

Over the years, the number of legacy students has "been a growing number. It's a wonderful testament of the education at Muhlenberg," explained Lauren Shanahan, Director of Alumni Relations. The growing number of legacy

students on campus can be related to the quality of education at the College.

"I can't say there's a special marketing strategy [in attracting legacy students]," said Melissa Falk, Senior Associate Director of Admissions. She explained that in the admissions process, being related to an alumnus has no strong bearing on acceptance into the College. Admissions makes "no conscious effort to market [legacy students]," said Falk.

According to Falk, with the College's "competitive 35 percent acceptance rate, one of the things that does happen to legacy students [is that if] the student is clearly not interested in Muhlenberg, that legacy piece is not given extra weight [in the admissions decision]." If a legacy student appears not to be completely interested in the



The first-year legacy students had their picture taken during Orientation Weekend this fall.

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College, they are not accepted based on their relatives.

Legacy students partake in a Legacy Brunch during Homecoming Weekend, where first-year and senior legacy students bring their

alumni family members to a brunch hosted at the President's House.

"We go out of our way to pay tribute to them here," said Shanahan.

Once legacy students join

the Muhlenberg family, their class picture is taken. "[The] legacy picture is taken to preserve the history," explained Shanahan. "We really value that tradition with the family."

Sept. 11 tribute brings students together



Dr. Marjorie Hass speaks at the Sept. 11 panel discussion.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

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was that events such as the prayer service would allow people to express their feelings together as a community. "People need the space and the time to express themselves and their grief," said Bredlau, "but it's also important that the community has the chance to express and speak for itself. Sometimes in America we think that it's always about the individual, but reflection as a community is important. Some people think that we should fight and bomb, and some people don't. We need to recognize the varied opinions of a community so that it doesn't just become one voice, because we are all dealing with this in a different way."

although its main objective was to reflect not only upon the events of Sept. 11, 2001, but also the events of the year that had since passed, with the underlying theme of "History & Memory." The panel included Jim Peck, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance; Dr. Marjorie Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy; John Sullivan, Assistant Professor of Communication; Dr. Mark Stein, Assistant Professor of History and Dr. Jack Gambino, Associate Professor of Political Science.

Throughout the entire day, television sets in the Red Door were tuned to CNN's coverage of the national commemorative events.

A sculpture entitled "The Bunker Project" was displayed in

the lobby of the Center for the Arts. The sculpture was the creation of Scott Sherk, Professor of Art, as well as many other members of the College (see "Bunker allows us to watch the world" on page 9).

Sherk explained the source of his creation, "I dreamed of being in a bunker and watching; watching everything. I watched rage, terror, war, retribution; I also watched the comings and goings of innocent people in all their joys and sorrows. I felt secure with my curiosity until I realized that I, too, was being watched. Later when I awoke, I couldn't shake the image or the feeling which has come to describe one approach to the world post-Sept.

11."

The day came to rest at 9:00 p.m. as Chaplain Bredlau led students in a Candlelight Vigil on the College Green. The American flag was flying at half-mast as candles and small flags were distributed. The flag was the same one that flew on Sept. 11, 2001, and the Chaplain spoke of the hope of placing it in a time capsule, along with other items that hold a special tie to the tragedy.

As students stood in silent thought and reflection, Chaplain Bredlau shared some poignant words while speaking of Sept. 12. "This is New Years Eve. Tomorrow is a new year and a new beginning; a time for resolutions."

Upcoming Chapel Events

Saturday, Sept. 21	8:00 AM Hiking Trip w/EnAcT
Sunday, Sept. 22	10:00 AM Interfaith Service in Moyer Hall
	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel
	2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse-2206 Chew St.
	6:00 PM LSM Meeting at ChapelHouse
	7:00 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Sept. 24	7:30-9 PM Worship Band Rehearsal in Chapel
	9 PM Bible Study in Chapel
	10 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Sept. 25	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

Dean Carol Shiner Wilson elected to Turning Point board

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tional programs for medical personnel, police officers and members of the community designed to assist in the recognition and prevention of such abuse.

Dean Wilson, whose work with Turning Point spans nearly two decades, expressed her appreciation at being elected to the Board of Directors of an organization, which according to her, deals "not just [with] women's issues, but social issues." She noted that support for the work of Turning Point is broadly based within the College. Last year the College donated \$7,000 raised from the student production of *The Vagina Monologues* to the organization. Sigma Phi Epsilon has also engaged in significant fundraising. Students, faculty and administrative staff are involved in two programs,

Students Advocating Gender Equality (S.A.G.E.) and the Women's Issues Network (W.I.N.), which have the common goal of increasing awareness and support for Turning Point.

On Saturday, Oct. 5 Dean Wilson and students from S.A.G.E. will participate in "Step Out," a three-mile run/walk along the Lehigh Parkway to highlight community opposition of domestic violence. Of the 43 current contributors to the walk, 21 are men. The College Community will also be holding a candlelight vigil in commemoration of those who have perished as a result of domestic violence Oct. 24. Allentown Mayor Roy C. Afflerbach will be the featured speaker.

Valerie Lane, the College's Community Service Director, has participated in the Turning Point programs for the past five years. She describes the pro-

grams as highly accessible to the College Community and allowing "us to give back to the society in which we live." Echoing this sentiment is Vicki Coyle, the Executive Director of Turning Point. Coyle notes that "students need to be aware of what it means to be a volunteer; doing it because we want to, not because we have to." She believes that we must "follow our motions with actions" if students are to make a difference.

Ms. Coyle praised the College community for the role it has taken in Turning Point. "Muhlenberg shows an incredible spirit and caring that is exhibited in college, and this is truly amazing."

She noted, "college campuses are excellent places to develop relationships because students are open to the world and really know how to make a differ-



Dean Carol Shiner Wilson will play an integral role in Turning Point.

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ence." Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling at the College notes that Turning Point is "a valuable community resource," and "has been very supportive on women's issues on campus, in which they are very willing to work with the College Community and get everyone involved." The elevation of Dean Wilson to a significant executive position within Turning Point not only recognizes the

invaluable contribution made both by her and by the College Community to this organization and its goals, but also forecasts even more activism and progress in the future.

As Dean Wilson points out, Turning Point seeks to show "how civilized people should treat one another with respect and care," and that "a lot can happen when people do a little bit of good."

FALL BREAK

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned/leased houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on October 11, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on October 15, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach
- ♦ Student Teachers

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by September 25, 2002. Approval letter will be sent out by September 30th with instructions for the break period. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

****All students even those mentioned specifically above must submit a Stay Over Break Form!!**

NASA funds the sciences at the College

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er elevation land.

"When students design their own remote sensing experiments, they gain experience with an increasingly important technology that will be very useful in the workplace or graduate study," said Milligan.

Modifications will be made to the Shankweiler Greenhouse on campus that will allow biology students to study specimens acquired at the Raker Field Station. Upgrades will also be made in the area of electron microscopy.

"The new learning center at Raker Field Station will provide students with more opportunities to perform research and independent study," said Shive.

The College also plans to create a NASA Learning Center on campus to allow access to NASA data.

The Center will be equipped with high-end computers, a projection

monitor, reference materials, direct access to the existing radio telescope on campus and other support materials.

The site will be used for summer workshops, seminars and research and will be staffed by trained student interns who can assist college students and local K-12 teachers in utilizing its resources.

"The NASA Learning Center will provide workshops for teachers so that they will be able to incorporate these technologies in the classroom," said Shive.

The program proposal was rated "excellent" by NASA officials, who noted the project's potential to "boost post-secondary student, faculty and pre-service teacher use of NASA science and technology resources" in northeastern Pennsylvania, with the NASA Learning Center providing "an excellent classroom for educating students and teachers alike."

EMS trains students to save lives

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

Once a semester, the College's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) opens up its membership to interested students. This past Saturday EMS held their training program for twelve new members.

EMS has served as an essential group on campus. Last year alone they

received approximately 260 calls. Unlike local hospitals, the College's EMS assistance is a free service to students. And not only is EMS 100 percent volunteer, but it is also a completely student run service. Besides providing assistance to ill students, the College's EMS also provides a CPR training course that is open to the whole College.

According to Captain Chris Hayes '04, the pur-

pose of training is to "make sure new members are competent and feel comfortable." Hayes, who began volunteering in the emergency room at age fourteen, resides in New York City and is currently EMT certified in both Pennsylvania and New York.

Training on Saturday lasted from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and included events such as "mock calls," and a written test on EMS procedures. Of the twelve new members, all but three are first-year students. According to Laura Russell, one of the sophomores joining the group, "I am very excited about joining. The biggest reward for me is helping people and learning things that will help others."

To become a member of the College's EMS, students must either be EMT or First Responder certified. Because of these qualifications, the new members already had working knowledge of EMS procedures. According to Grigione, "We did some refreshers to show our skills."



EMS training included demonstrations of rescue procedures.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

In addition to doing much work, new members also shared pizza and even took a laser tag trip. Even though training is complete, new members are still on probation. During this period, they will be monitored

by the officers and will not be allowed to complete a call on their own.

When training begins again next semester, certified EMT's and First Responders will be welcome to join.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - The Latin Alliance of the Lehigh Valley's Latin Festival will return this year in a new location. Jordan Park will be the site of this year's festival, planned for noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. The culture, music and food of Honduras will be featured and Honduran musical group La Banda Blanca will play. The Latin Alliance festival is an opportunity to celebrate the cultures of Latin American countries, said Ed DeGrace, a member of the festival committee. From 1998 to 2000, the festival's home was Cedar Creek Park in Allentown. It was moved there from Muhlenberg College, which was host of the first three festivals from 1995 to 1997.

Bethlehem - Three years ago, the Bethlehem Area School District introduced a radical new math program. Instead of memorizing theorems and formulas, students often spend days working in groups to solve a single word problem, all in an effort to teach practical applications for math. Although some educators are sold on new math, many children in Bethlehem are struggling with it, parents are upset and other educators are not convinced that the program works. The group leading the Greater Philadelphia Secondary Mathematics Project should find out this month if it will receive a \$35 million federal grant to bring reformed math to school districts throughout the Lehigh Valley, including Allentown, Bangor Area, Easton Area and Nazareth Area.

Bio-ethics symposium covers cloning controversy



Speakers commented on the controversial aspects of cloning.

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

After a formal speech by Arthur Caplan, PhD on the controversies of cloning, a bio-ethics symposium entitled, "To Clone or Not to Clone?" was held on Thursday.

Panelists Joseph Vincent, MD, Ray Stock, DVM, Dr. Theodore Schick, Professor

of Philosophy and Dr. Bruce Wightman, Assistant Professor of Biology took turns sharing their thoughts about the lecture and cloning ethics to a crowd of students, faculty and visitors.

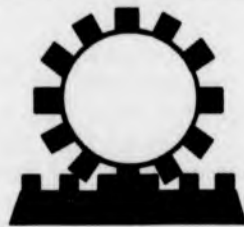
Topics discussed included genetic engineering, animal cloning, human cloning and stem cell research.

"There is always the human desire to explore and

push the edges," said Schick. The symposium was held as a part of the Conrad W. Raker Lecture Series, a joint program between the College and Good Shepherd. The lecture series is in honor of Reverend Conrad Raker, the son of the founder of Good Shepherd. The series commemorates Raker's 60th anniversary of ordination as a Lutheran pastor.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Scattered T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 9 – Theft – A student's Startac cellular phone was stolen from Seegers Union. It has not been recovered.

Sept. 9 – Theft – A Prosser Hall resident's ring was reported stolen. It was later found in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 9 – Harassment by Communication – A WMUH Disk Jockey reported an incident in the Commons Building. The report is under investigation.

Sept. 9 – Report of Information – A possible break-in of a student's room in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house was reported. Nothing was found missing.

Sept. 10 – Assist Outside Agency – The Allentown Police Department (APD) identified a student for unpaid parking tickets.

Sept. 11 – Damage to Vehicle – A tree branch fell on a parked car on Gordon Street.

Sept. 11 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in East Hall due to hair spray.

Sept. 11 – Injured Student – A student twisted the left knee in the Life Sports Center. The student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

Sept. 12 – Alcohol Violation – Two students and three non-students were found drinking in East Hall. The non-students were issued letters of trespass and the students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 12 – Robbery – A student was robbed of \$25 and a College identification card on 26th Street and an alley near Allen Street. The suspect is a white male with a light tan, approximately

five feet, eight inches tall and 200 lbs, with a scruffy beard and brown crew cut. The suspect was wearing a large black watch and had a scab on his left arm.

Sept. 12 – Hit and Run – The College's red Ford Taurus was struck by a construction vehicle in the Back Drive.

Sept. 12 – Theft – A wallet was reported stolen from Taylor Hall.

Sept. 13 – Assault – A student-on-student assault occurred at Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 13 – Vandalism – Graffiti was found drawn with black magic marker on a stairwell wall in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 13 – Vehicle Violation – A vehicle driving in the Center for the

Arts lot slammed into the rocks and parked on the lawn.

Sept. 14 – Alcohol Violation – Two Benfer Hall students were found with Jell-O shots. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 14 – Assist Other Agency – APD arrested Michael Hochkeppel and charged him with disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, false identification and resisting arrest.

Sept. 14 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – Several chairs, tables and the plastic chain surrounding the tent set up on the Chapel Front Lawn were disturbed. An attempt was also made to knock over the tent itself.

Sept. 15 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – A Muhlenberg College banner was torn

down from a lamppost on the Front Lawn.

Sept. 15 – Vandalism – A bathroom stall door in Brown Hall was found torn off the hinge.

Sept. 15 – Vandalism – The fire extinguisher cabinet glass covering a fire extinguisher was found broken in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 16 – Vandalism – A storm window in the northeast corner of the residence at 2206 Chew Street was found broken.

Sept. 16 – Muhlenberg College Codes Violation – Cigarette butts were found in a bathtub in the first floor men's bathroom of Prosser Hall.

Sept. 16 – Vandalism – A line was drawn in green magic marker extending from the third floor to the second floor north staircase of Prosser Hall.

WEEKLY

Life!

"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

--Albert Einstein

Question of the Week:

What is the most annoying thing your roommate has ever done?



"Blast Vegetales music while I'm on the phone long-distance."

-Becca Bhrlich '06

"Constantly clean up my mess and my dinner before I was finished."

-Kim Lecci '03



"Wake me up to ask if he could turn on the lights."

-Gaspare Pizzo '04



"Pee in the corner of our room."

--Michael Ficchi '03



COMPILED BY JOANNA BZIK

Bunker allows us to watch the world



The inside of Scott Sherk's creation is equipped with chairs and a radio that remind observers of World War II, but other appliances, such as a television broadcasting CNN, are from the present day.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

By JOANNA BZIK
Weekly Staff Writer

If you've walked into the Center for the Arts recently, you've probably noticed the large rectangular structure piled with dark bags in the area outside the doors of the Empie Theater. Unless you were curious enough to walk around it, look inside, and read the "Public Notice" posted, you probably were not sure exactly what it was.

The bags, wood and wires are all part of a public sculpture called "The Bunker," the latest project for Scott Sherk, an art professor here at Muhlenberg. He began work on "The Bunker" this June after being invited to work on a sculpture by the Center for Ethics. Their request for a work showing "patriotism in the age of globalization" reminded him of a past dream. He dreamt that he was in a bunker, or safe place, watching "rage, terror, war and retribution...the comings and goings of innocent people in all their joys and sorrows." As he watched the world, though, he realized

that he was also being watched. This comes to life with "The Bunker" because surveillance cameras monitor the area surrounding the bunker as well as the space within the bunker.

Inside the bunker, a person is equipped with everything he or she needs to watch the world. The style of the chairs and radio make the area reminiscent of a World War II base, but the rest of the appliances display more modern technology. They include a television broadcasting CNN, another television screen showing the views from four surveillance cameras, and a computer showing a "streaming video of...the occupant [on] The Bunker Website." Anyone can access the website at www.muhlenberg.edu/bunker where there is a bulletin board to post messages, panoramic pictures of the bunker and streaming video of the inside.

"The Bunker" changes the "physical and psychic space of the site" by filling the white, flat and barren lobby with height, color, and texture. The dark bags and metal frames capture attention but offer little explana-

tion for their appearance inside the CA walls among the various paintings and more conventional sculptures. Professor Sherk says, "I want people to walk past and say, 'What's that?' and then sit inside and experience it." People should embrace this curiosity and use it to learn about themselves and the world.

"The Bunker" encourages and rewards this curiosity because without it an observer would never understand or appreciate the work. The entrance to the bunker conveniently faces the front wall so that it is not seen by someone entering the CA. Instead, a person must step down and circle the bunker to find the break in the wall of bags and discover the televisions and cameras. The price for the occupant's curiosity, though, is the fact that everyone else can watch him or her as well.

Professor Sherk is interested in human curiosity and in challenging the way people think. With the help of the Center for Ethics, Plant Operations, Office of Information

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Muhlenberg Tonight with Mitchell Cooper entertains and amuses

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

Seegers Union not only satiates fast food and mail-receiving needs, but it also provides us with a little bit of Hollywood. Last Friday night, Mitchell Cooper '05 and his small crew of four to five other students and friends filmed their first installment of this year's completely student-run and organized show *Muhlenberg Tonight with Mitchell Cooper*.

An audience of 25 to 30 people gathered excitedly to watch the filming.

Last year Mitchell Cooper and his crew came together and formed *Muhlenberg Tonight with Mitchell Cooper* with the intentions of creating a show that involves the students on campus in oddly hilarious situations.

The show is divided up

into pinnacle segments, much like any late-night talk show hosted by such comedians as Conan O'Brien, David Letterman and Jay Leno. Some of the show's representative segments are "Cooper's Comments," "Dorm Room Fun," and "Say What?!"

Cooper writes and compiles all of *Muhlenberg Tonight*, and has aspirations of being a television show host in either a nighttime or daytime talk show into which he can insert his own sort of "twist" or creative license.

Cooper worked on a television program from the second semester of his sophomore year in high school to the present, so he has several years of media experience. Today the busy Cooper is a Communications major and Political Science minor.

The production of the

show can be tedious, yet it is also quite rewarding for all of those involved. One main segment that is currently being re-instated in this year's series is "Dorm Room Fun."

"Dorm Room Fun" was an acclaimed segment in one of last year's episodes in which Cooper and some friends went into a Brown Hall study lounge where some students were studying or writing papers. For an hour-and-a-half the television crew pleasantly violated the studiers' space by gallivanting through the study lounge and playing with their papers on the computers.

With the season premier of *Muhlenberg Tonight* fast approaching, the campus can halt the grind of a college work schedule, lean back and enjoy the little touch of big-time entertainment right here at school.

These four walls: Co-ed living

BY CHRIS CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered if eight girls or guys could live together without killing each other? For many of the larger suites on campus, this was a serious question that many prospective suitemates had to sort out before entering into the infamous housing lottery.

Although the vast majority of the suites decided to stay with their best buds of the same sex, there were a few suites that opted for the co-ed living situation, to add some variety to the mix.

"At first I thought it might be a little odd to share a common room and a bathroom with four guys, but the awkwardness does not last that long," said Kat Kearney '05, a resident of a co-ed suite in Benfer.

Having members of the opposite sex live in such close quarters allows everyone involved the experience of a Lifetime movie marathon or Monday Night Football. But, more importantly, it gives people a break from an excess of testosterone or estrogen.

"The most important part about living with members of the opposite sex is respect, and that applies to every aspect of living," said Zoya Feldman '04, who lives in a co-ed suite in Benfer.

One of the biggest issues of a co-ed suite is bathroom behavior. While most of us could deal with the occasional toilet seat up, or adult male magazine left precariously on the bathroom floor, general hygiene and bathroom upkeep is essential to a co-ed suite.

Although the signature smell that lingers through an all-male dorm hall still creeps up from time to time, it helps to have conscious females who always have a ready bottle of air freshener to solve the problem.

"Living in a co-ed suite feels more like college than the gender separate floors of freshman year. It forces a person to be more mature," says Eric Blustein '05.

Just as any college living situation, co-ed suites have their positive and negative sides, but for the first three weeks of the semester, the girls and guys in them seem to be adjusting well.

Comedian Chris Johnson cracks up the Red Door



Chris Johnson made the audience erupt in laughter last Friday night.

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

Comedian Chris Johnson performed in front of an unusually crowded Red Door on Friday, Sept. 13. Barely a few seconds could pass without raucous laughter erupting from the audience throughout the entire hour long show. Johnson's jokes ranged from drinking to NASCAR. He says that his material is simply a product of the funny things he sees in everyday life. He

then adds his opinions on them.

One of the best talents Johnson displayed was his ability to work with the audience and use their reactions to fuel jokes. He actually mentioned several times in his show that he was going pretty far off his routine. Johnson was led on quite a few comedic tangents from such things as the painted mules on the Red Door windows, which he thought to be horses, and the fact that one of the

audience members knew Justin from *American Idol*.

His show included running jokes he had throughout the show in reference to certain members of the audience with distinct laughs and also about MAC representative, Ben Jaffe.

Johnson stated that "[Friday] was a very unique crowd, but it was a blast." And indeed, Johnson seems to have a lot of fun with his job.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Chris Johnson started his comedy career seven years ago when one of his friends dared him to enter the Jay Leno Comedy Challenge, and he ended up winning the whole competition.

One of the most memorable jokes of Friday's show was actually his last when Johnson successfully reeled off every type and brand of tampon and sanitary napkin in existence. True to his claim of everyday humor, Johnson explained during an interview that he gained this ability from working in a grocery store where it was his weekly duty to order and stock that aisle of the store. Chris Johnson's routine was overall pretty funny and a good way to release the week's tension.

My grade: A.

Views from the bunker

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Technology, and various art students, he has been able to create a complex and thought-provoking work.

The creation process has been a learning experience for Professor Sherk as well as the students. He remembers, "We had been filling sandbags for the past two weeks. Doing that brought me in touch with where else in the world people are filling sandbags for safety, because of imminent threats, or military purposes, or flooding. This experience brought that feeling closer to home. Other people are doing the same thing and doing it together."

In this way, Professor Sherk hopes that "The Bunker" can affect the way people see the world and see themselves in it. He says, "We have so many contradictory feelings that are so strong. On one hand I want to hide in a safe place and

get away, but on the other hand I want to see everything that's going on." "The Bunker" embodies these familiar feelings but also raises questions that people may be unaccustomed to answering.

The work dares people to consider themselves as well as the meaning of art. It also challenges people to ask themselves what establishes their views of the world and their relationship to the world as a whole. These realizations are the goal of "The Bunker," and according to Professor Sherk, art in general. He says, "If there's one message to the work it's that there's no place to hide. We're a part of the world community and we have to realize that." Curiosity may be the first step in the right direction, but people need this realization and experience to truly understand our society and others in a changing world.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Review Mania: Movies, music and more

Blue Crush creates a new wave of surf movies

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Surfing movies. If you're picturing those corny 1960's films where Frankie and Annette play Beach Blanket Bingo, odds are you're not alone. *Blue Crush* is not that type of movie. It takes place mostly on the beach, and there are surfers, but this movie is about athletes and overcoming fear.

Based on Susan Orlean's

article "Surf Girls of Maui," *Blue Crush* chronicles the adventures of a female surfer as she prepares for the Pipe Masters.

Meet our heroine, Anne Marie Chadwick (Kate Bosworth), and her best friends, Eden and Lena (Michelle Rodriguez and professional surfer Sanoe Lake). The girls work as maids at one of Hawaii's resort hotels, which is where Anne Marie

meets her love interest, Matt (Matthew Davis from *Legally Blonde*), a NFL quarterback in Hawaii for the Pro-Bowl. The story of their relationship is certainly cute, but we, like Anne Marie, are here for the waves. And waves there are.

The cinematography is wonderful. Director John Stockwell (*Crazy/Beautiful*) takes us out in the ocean, underwater, inside the pipe (an especially great shot) and even inside Anne Marie's head.

Blue Crush is light hearted and enjoyable. A perfectly entertaining film, this is a good Friday night movie after a long week of classes.

Final Grade: B+.

Jerzy Jung brings emotion to Seegers lobby audience

BY LAUREN DEFILIPPO
Weekly Staff Writer

Muhlenberg students enjoyed a quiet, laid-back evening at the Seegers Union lobby last Thursday, Sept. 12. They were gathered to support a fellow student, Jerzy Jung.

Jerzy Jung is a junior; however, this was not her first concert. She has been performing at the College ever since her freshman year. If you attended her concert, you would have seen that it was not the typical setting for a concert at all. Jerzy Jung shared her music with a small, comfortable audience in the



The talented Jerzy Jung.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

lobby of Seegers Union.

Jerzy Jung's voice resembles that of Fiona Apple and Sarah McLachlan. She has a jazzy tone to her voice, which is very pleasing to the ear. During her concert, she played many songs that she had written herself, along with a few cover songs, including a Counting Crows piece. Jerzy displayed passion in her emotional lyrics and sounds.

The best part about the entire concert was how comfortable and laid-back the setting was. It was a quiet, mellow night. There's nothing like listening to the passionate tunes of Jerzy Jung.

Final grade: A.

DeNiro betters *City by the Sea*

BY JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writer

Robert DeNiro. What else could a movie want? Over his career, he has proven himself, and *City by the Sea* is the best of his recent film forays. DeNiro stars as tough New York cop Vincent LaMarca whose estranged son Joey (James Franco) is wanted for murder. Intriguingly, the film is based on true events.

The first few moments of the movie the viewer is immediately drawn in by the ravaged Joey. He stumbles around trying desperately to pawn for some drug money. In an excellent performance by Franco, Joey comes across as a boy on his last grain of hope.

As you watch Joey stumble among dilapidated buildings, Long Beach, NY, the title location, develops into a character of its own. The once-luxurious resort town's metamorphosis offers an interesting parallel to the lives of Vincent and Joey. Both once led pristine lives, but suddenly they find themselves lost.

The heart of the movie lies in Vincent and Joey's relationship. Vincent left Joey years ago and has had little contact with either until Joey was wanted for the murder of a drug dealer. Vincent suddenly finds himself trying desperately to protect his son.

The only problem with *City by the Sea* is its desperation to pull at our collective heartstrings; there is a slightly corny vibe. Nevertheless, *City by the Sea* is one of the best bets out in theatres today.

Final Grade: B.

Queens of the Stoneage

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

Queens of the Stoneage has been touted as the "next Nirvana." They released their eponymous debut album in 1998, but has popped up today. Three weeks ago the band released their third and finest record to date, *Songs for the Deaf*. Founding members Josh Homme and Nick Oliveri have hired Dave Grohl (of Nirvana and Foo Fighters fame) to play drums. This ensures that of all the loud, angry records they've ever produced, this record would be the loudest yet.

The album plays like a slick machine: searing guitar licks intertwining with chunky bass riffs. The album's lead track "You Think I Ain't Worth A Dollar, But I Feel Like A Millionaire," embodies hard rock. It has thrashing guitar and bass riffs moving at breakneck speed while Oliveri screams like a banshee. But what sets Queens of the Stone Age apart from other modern heavy metal acts is their ability to focus on Homme's falsetto. "First It Giveth" epitomizes this technique. "Song for the Dead" showcases Grohl's drumming, with stop/start riffs providing ample room for inventive fills.

The only problem with the record is its overproduction. Whereas previous Queens' releases are sludgy, *Songs for the Deaf* is borderline heavy metal triteness.

Overall, Queens of the Stone Age have recorded a fine album that catapults them much farther beyond

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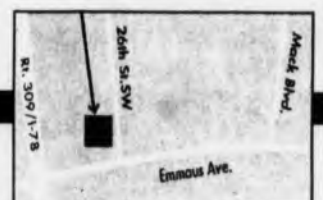
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Swimfan: Typical at best

BY NIKKI RAGONESE
Weekly Staff Writer

Swimfan was predictable from the start. The plot is basically as follows: popular guy with great girlfriend meets the new hot "bad girl" and gets himself in hot water. She soon transforms into a crazed stalker will do anything to get the guy. This movie, although somewhat entertaining, was a dismal failure as plot goes.

Still, *Swimfan* was relatively well cast with Jesse Bradford playing the handsome swim champion, Ben Cronin. He is stalked by Madison Bell (Erika

Christensen). Both gave decent performances.

The failure lay in the writing and creativity. You knew exactly what would happen before it occurred. Nevertheless, *Swimfan* had somewhat of a thrill because even though you knew what was coming there was still the question of when. When will the crazy stalker girl emerge from the shadows and shock us? This left a small element of suspense in the film.

Despite the fact that anyone on this campus could've written this movie better, *Swimfan* was somewhat entertaining.

Final grade: C-.

horoscopes

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Aries

This week will be a work filled one. Tests, papers: you'll have it all. Work hard.

Sagittarius

Try doing more intellectual activities. You're always sitting around and watching TV or partying.

Taurus

Make sure you're ready for anything. There may be some surprises and changes in store for you. So be ready to handle anything you're dealt.

Capricorn

Spice up your life. Surprise someone. Do something unexpected. Your friends keep asking you to go out and party with them, say yes for once.

Gemini

Be careful when going to Seegers this week. You may run into someone you've been trying desperately to avoid. So keep your eyes open.

Aquarius

You're surrounded by people all the time. Most of the time you think it's a good thing, but lately you've been frustrated. Take some time to yourself.

Cancer

You're growing up even though you still feel like a kid. You will need to take on more adult responsibilities and accept things.

Pisces

Make sure you go to all of your classes this week. You have a tendency to skip classes whenever you feel like it.

Leo

Try to be healthier. Eat more wholesome foods, and go to the gym. It will help improve your self image which has been lacking lately.

Virgo

For the next few days try to avoid overworking yourself. A heavier workload is yet to come and you'll be glad you gave yourself this much needed break.

Libra

You've been spending a lot of money on unneeded things lately. You should save up.

Scorpio

Stay away from the library this week. If you go down there you may run into people or things you were trying to escape from.

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Liturgy



In both Judaism and Christianity a fixed order of communal worship is known as a liturgy. Three daily prayer services that focus on blessings and the recitation of Israel's central affirmation of God's Oneness, comprise the heart of the Jewish liturgy. These incorporate Bible reading twice a week and are expanded in various ways for the fuller celebration of the weekly day of rest, the Shabbat (the 7th day, Saturday). Related and thematically enhanced orders are used for various holidays and festivals. In Christianity, the prayer structure known from Judaism is still evident in the weekly Sunday service (Mass, Eucharist, or Holy Communion), which joins it to the common meal commemorating Jesus' sacrificial death. There are also daily liturgies (as many as seven each day) that emphasize prayer, psalms, and scripture, and special holiday and festival orders. All this is communally focused, as "liturgy" derives from a composite Greek word meaning "people's work."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING????

Thursday, September 19

8-9pm Student Union Lobby
Chris & Chris' Acoustic Show



Friday, September 20

9:30pm Red Door GAME SHOW
Ding Dong for \$\$\$\$\$



10pm-2am Student Union Lobby
Free Spin Art Cookies



11pm-12:30am Student Union Lobby
Singer BEKI HEMMINGWAY



Saturday, September 21

10pm Garden Room
JIM KAROL



10pm-2am Student Union Lobby
Free Custom License Plates

Wednesday, September 25

5pm Lithgow Auditorium, Trumbower
MAC MEETING



8-9pm Student Union Lobby
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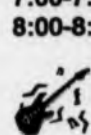
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Friday, September 20 6-9pm

5:00-5:45pm LIGHTCAP TRIO
6:00-6:45pm AT THIS MOMENT BAND
7:00-7:45pm MATT McGLAUGHLIN BAND
8:00-8:45pm NOAH & JAY

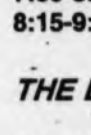


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Saturday, September 21 4:30-9pm

4:30-5:30pm BUDDHA TRIBE
5:45-6:45pm THE BRAD ROSEN BAND
7:00-8:00pm THE MIKE FRACLOSE BAND
8:15-9:00pm THE SUSPECTS



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DINNER OUTSIDE 4:30-6:30pm
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Profile of a Mule - Meaghan Billie

BY MATT FLEISSIG
Weekly Sports Writer

Senior Meaghan Billie started playing volleyball in 6th grade for Our Lady of Hungary Regional Middle School. As a natural athlete, Meaghan found herself to excel at any sport she tried. In high school she earned eight varsity letters in volleyball, softball and basketball. Meaghan, being a four year starter plays in the front row as a middle hitter. On good passes the ball usually goes to her to end the point. When Meaghan, who measures in at 5'10" has the ball set for a spike, she says, "I just hit the ball as hard as I can and I try not to think about it."



Rumor on the street has it, that you just don't want to get in the way of a Meaghan Billie spike. If she is ever blocked, or hit by an opponent's spike, it just gives Meaghan an incentive to hit the ball harder. Meaghan is only the third Mule to have more than 300 kills in a season. A kill is a spike that wins the point for the team. On September 6, Meaghan broke through the 1000 kill mark and will be remembered as one of the top volleyball players in Muhlenberg history.

If you would like to see Meaghan in action, the Mule's next home match is on Saturday, Oct. 5th in the gymnasium.

BY BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

Responding well from two tough losses in the Kwik Goal/TGI Friday's Classic, the men's soccer team put together two solid victories this week. The Mules defeated Wilkes on Tuesday 1-0 and followed with a more impressive victory on Friday, shutting down Scranton 2-0. Their victory over Wilkes (1-2-2) was their third 1-0 win of the young season. The Mules' lone goal came from Freshman James Henshaw when he lifted a shot over the Colonel's goalkeeper from inside the box to give

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Mules men's soccer rolls on the road

the Mules the lead. The goal, the first of Henshaw's career, came in the 15th minute and was all the Mules needed to secure the victory. The defense, lead by Senior Captain Quentin McDowell, shut down Wilkes, holding them to a meager five shot attempts. The Mules dominated the pace of the game and tripled their opponents shot attempts, 15-5. Entering Friday's game against Scranton the Mules had not scored more than one goal in a contest all season. Against Scranton, the Mules wanted to erase that statistic. The Mules took an early lead in the sixteenth minute on Freshman James

Henshaw's second career goal. Henshaw's screaming shot from the left side slid through the hands of the Royals' goalie to give the Mules the lead.

The game remained 1-0 until 69th minute when Senior David Vassilaros sent a diagonal cross to the feet of Mike Hochkeppel who was standing in the penalty box.

Hochkeppel sent a shot into the corner of the net to secure the Mules' 2-0 victory and lift them to a 4-2 record overall.

This game marked the 6th time this season that the Mules have out shot their opponents as they improved their road record to 4-0.

Women's soccer pulls through

Team goes one for two this week

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mules dominated over Wilkes 3-1. Junior Jen Gitto had a goal and an assist in the game. Sophomore Rebecca Armstrong scored the first goal of the second half.

Junior Dawn Iberer made the last goal; this is Iberer's 6th goal of the season. The team also played great defensively keeping Wilkes back. Kim Laurino did a great job in goal. On Saturday the Mules fell to Moravian 0-1. Junior Jen Gitto scored the only goal with an assist by Iberer. With three goals, Gitto matched her total from all of last year. Junior Katrina Custance held the Mules defensively. The Mules are now 2-4. The Mules play at home this weekend.



Jen Arrow goes up field with the ball.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Scoreboard

Field Hockey

Sat. Sept. 14, Mules vs. Rochester, 2-1.

Sun. Sept. 15, Mules vs. Ithaca, 2-1.

Senior captain Holly Pico and Sophomore Kristen Bruschi both scored one a piece in these games.

Football

Sat. Sept. 14, Mules vs. Cal Lutheran, 40-32.

Junior Matt Bernardo lead with three touchdowns.

Women's soccer

Sat. Sept. 14, Mules vs. Moravian, 1-2.

Junior Jen Gitto scored the goal assisted by Dawn Iberer.

Men's soccer

Fri. Sept. 13, Mules vs. Scranton, 2-0.

Freshman James Henshaw had the first goal and Senior Mike Hochkeppel had the second goal assisted by Senior David Vassilaros.

Cross Country

Sat. Sept. 14, Mule Classic.

Women placed second with Freshman Karen Mount leading the team placing 4th and Junior Diana Garetto in 5th.

The men placed first with Junior Nate Hotz leading the team by placing third.

Volleyball

Scranton Invitational

Fri. Sept. 13, Mules vs. Miscercordia, 3-1.

Freshman Julie Laurio had 25 kills.

Mules vs. Scranton, 1-3.

Senior Meaghan Billie had 15 kills.

Sat. Sept. 14, Mules vs. Wilkes, 3-1.

Senior Meaghan Billie with 16 kills and Junior Maria Poluka with 19 digs.

Mules vs. Haverford, 3-1.

Freshmen Julie Laurio had 17 kills and Senior Dana Ferelli had 24 digs.

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Mules Football takes down Cal Lutheran 40-32

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Bernardo scored his third touchdown of the afternoon on a fifty-yard sprint on to the end zone. "It was just a foot race," said Bernardo, "Oscar [Shoy] laid a nice block and the line executed really well." The score sent the Kingsmen staggering and they would not recover. Leading 33-29 with 12:23 remaining, the Mules held on to their lead with two key defensive plays. A forty-yard run up the middle of the field almost resulted in a touchdown had cornerback Jordan Wright not

caught up with the ball carrier and brought him down. A field goal with eight minutes remaining put a scare into the Mules as they only led by a point, 33-32. But it only lasted a few minutes. Matt Bernardo helped alleviate fears of a Cal Lutheran comeback with his kickoff return that gave the Mules possession on the Kingsmen's side. Jones connected with Shay for the third time of the game on a crossing pattern over the middle, which spanned 23 yards and left numerous Cal Lutheran defenders in the receiver's wake until being dragged down at the one-yard line.

Jones then plunged into the end zone on a quarterback sneak for the final score of the game giving the Mules a 40-32 cushion. A relentless Cal Lutheran squad mounted their final assault from their own 22-yard line with 2:54 remaining in the game. Reaching mid-field, a 20-yard pass to Lane seemed to give the Kingsmen a chance, until Petrakis stepped in again and ripped the ball from the receiver's hands as defensive back Joe Getz recovered the fumble. Tight end Rob Sherman's grab on third down secured a first down for the Mules and finally

knocked out their opponent. "I think we were better prepared than last year," said Bernardo after the game, "the coaches and players were mentally ready for this game. We established the running game today, and that's something we didn't do last year." Bernardo's 28 carries for 130 yards was a game high for both teams and a testament to the execution of the Muhlenberg game plan.

"This game was a confidence booster because a lot of people expected us to lose," Bernardo continued, "it shows that we can play with anyone."

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Facts & Figures

Mules Football is ranked third in conference.

Field hockey is undefeated against Division III opponents.

Mules men's soccer are undefeated and not scored against in away games this season.

Volleyball player, Julie Laurio, broke the school record with 25 kills in a game.

Dan Miller was named the defensive player of the week for the Mules football by the Centennial Conference.

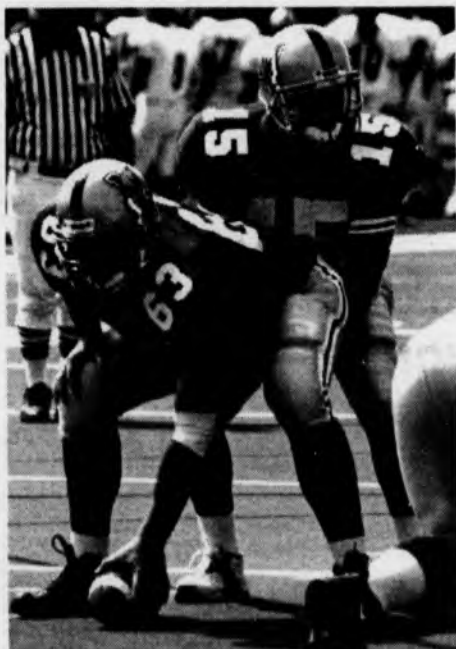
Mules dominated over their west coast opponent, Cal Lutheran

BY BOB PETERSON
Weekly Sports Writer

Entering the contest 1-0, the Muhlenberg football team had something to prove against their opponent California Lutheran. The Mules suffered defeat at the hands of the Kingsmen last year when they traveled to the Los Angeles suburbs, where the school is located. "We went all the way out there and got beat," said running back Matt Bernardo, "it was a long plane ride home after a loss and we had a hard practice the next day. We definitely had revenge on our minds." Hoping to exact their vengeance against the Kingsmen flashy offensive arsenal, the Muhlenberg defense set the tone early.

One of four Kingsmen turnovers forced by the Mules on the day came in the first quarter when Senior line-backer Beau Sherry recovered a fumble by opposing quarterback Casey Preston. Muhlenberg quarterback Justin Jones, who completed nine of eighteen passes for 159 yards with only one interception, then found Senior wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri over the middle for a first down. The play set up Bernardo's touchdown run to the corner of the end zone with little over four minutes gone by in the first

quarter. Chris Reed's extra point attempt ended the possession with Muhlenberg on top 7-0. Again stifled by the Muhlenberg defense, California Lutheran was forced to punt on their next possession. Starting the drive around mid-field, a couple of Jones passes, to Mercuri and Bernardo, gave the Mules a first down.



Justin Jones takes a snap from Justin Hurlbert which lead them to a victory.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Jones then called his own number on a quarterback draw, which set up the ensuing 48-yard field goal by kicker Chris Reed with 5:05 remaining in the first quarter. Not to be outdone, the Mules defense did some scoring of their own a few minutes later. On fourth and long, around the thirty-yard line, Junior defensive back Thanasis Petrakis sneaked in from the left side and blocked the attempted punt. "I just extended and tried to get a piece of the ball,"

Petrakis explained, "we knew that in order to win the game we had to make big plays." Petrakis' block sent the ball straight up in the air as a crowd of Mule defenders positioned themselves to catch it on the way down. Receiver Alfredo Mercuri succeeded in snatching the ball from the air and sped 34-yards to the end zone for a touchdown. With one minute left in the first quarter, Muhlenberg jumped out to an early 17-0.

The quick Muhlenberg scoring strikes seemed to hit California Lutheran by surprise like a left hook. But like any heavyweight contender, they soon regained their composure. After a change of possessions, the Mules were pushed back and forced to punt from their own end zone. Returning the ball to the 28-yard line, the Kingsmen had great position to return some of the blows dealt to them. The Mules defense remained unyielding, and all California Lutheran could muster was a field goal from 44 yards out with 10:35 remaining in the second quarter. Still, the Mules knew that they could not count their opponent out. "Their entire defense was coming back (from last year), so we knew it was a challenge," said Bernardo. That same defense got the Kingsmen right back into the game as cornerback Jay Morris intercepted a Jones pass on the Muhlenberg sideline and raced 26 yards into the end zone unmolested. A missed extra point made the score 17-9 in favor of the Mules, but they were off-balance from the field goal to touchdown combination. As the Muhlenberg offense took the field again, they were stymied by a revitalized Cal Lutheran defense. As the Kingsmen took control of the field, they converted on a crucial fourth down with an option play on their sideline. The next play they ran a play-action pass that resulted in a Casey Preston, 17-32-2 for 211 yards, 35-yard touchdown pass to receiver Robert Fisher, three catches for 54 yards. A failed two-point conversion broken up by Jordan Wright made the score 17-15 with less than six minutes to play in the half. A failed exchange between Jones and Bernardo

on first down of the Mules next possession placed the ball back in the Kingsmen's hands on the Muhlenberg twenty-yard line. Going for a knock-out blow, Preston dropped back on first down and threw a touchdown pass to receiver Nick Lane, who led all Kingsmen receivers with six catches for 87 yards, who was wide open in the right corner of the end zone. Thus, California Lutheran took their first lead 22-17 with less than five minutes left in the half. They would threaten once again before the half was over, but missed on a field goal attempt from twenty-yards out. With first possession of the second half, Jones guided the Mules on a methodical drive deep into Kingsmen territory. Receiver Kodi Shay, three catches for 100 yards, helped balance the running attack with a catch over the middle, eluding several tackles until forced out of bounds after a forty-yard pick-up. However, another failed exchange between Bernardo and Jones on an option play to the right halted the drive. Junior Safety, Dan Miller, returned the favor for the Kingsmen by intercepting a Preston pass on the Cal Lutheran 40-yard line while returning it to the eleven yard line. Chris Reed's second field goal of the game, from twenty yards out, brought the Mules to within two. The Kingsmen were quick to respond with points of their own on a drive that was marred by two Muhlenberg facemask penalties. Pounding the ball behind running back Tyler Ruiz, 22 carries for 127 yards, the Kingsmen scored on a Ruiz eight-yard dash to the end zone.

On his second interception of the day, Dan Miller picked a ball from mid-air after cornerback Bo Rodriguez decked a Kingsmen receiver crossing the middle on a slant pattern. The ball popped out of the receiver's hands and Miller raced to the Cal Lutheran eight-yard line. Bernardo outran defenders two plays later on a touchdown run to the outside. Trailing by three, 26-29, the Mules defense made a big stop, forcing the Kingsmen to punt. On first down from the fifty-yard line, Matt

Men's and Women's cross country finish in the top three

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Andrews. "They are focusing on finishing in the top three in the region at the Mideast regional meet Nov. 16. "If they do that, then the team qualifies for nationals."

Finishing a distant second (54-19) to the Moravian Greyhounds Saturday at the Mule/Falcon Classic, the Muhlenberg women's cross country team also boasted two athletes in the top five slots. Linda Andrews, also

head coach of women's cross-country, was pleased with her team's performance. "Unlike the men's team, we raced our entire, eight-woman lineup."

"They got there, took the line, and did a great job for us," described Andrews.

Leading the Mules was Freshman Karen Mount, who captured fourth place out of 88 competitors with a time of 19:53.7.

Just less than fifteen seconds behind Mount was Diana Garretto who had a

time of 20:08.1, seized fifth place overall and helped give her squad a 20-point buffer from third place Bryn Mawr. To prepare for this Saturday's meet at the celebrated Van Cortlandt State Park, Andrews plans on changing little to her squad's routine.

"The only things we plan on doing differently in preparation is taking a day to do some pool running to rest their legs, and a good deal of hill repeats to train for the hilly course."

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SPORTS

Field Hockey undefeated against Division III opponents

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's field hockey team has won the last four straight games.

Women's field hockey had an overnight stay in upstate New York this past weekend.

On Saturday they played against Rochester and won 2-1.

Senior Holly Pico assisted by Freshman Alexa Sterbinsky scored the first goal.

Sophomore Kristen Bruschi scored the winning goal with a pass from Junior Lauren Jacobs.

Sophomore

Sarah Fosdick also played incredibly well and kept the Yellowjackets from scoring.

On Saturday the women played again crushing Ithaca 2-1.

Senior Holly Pico had the first goal assisted by Sophomore Kristen Bruschi in the first half.

Kristen Bruschi then scored on a penalty stroke that soared past the Yellowjackets' keeper towards the end of the second half.

Senior Josephine Fasolino made fourteen saves to keep the Mules going. Fasolino

broke the career record of saves last week.

Contributing vastly defensively was Sophomore Pamela Coakley.

The two players of the game were named, Alissa Maurer and Lauren Jacobs.

Coach Stuckel said, "The weekend served as a tremendous learning opportunity, reading a team united and tactically strong -- we played with great confidence and determination which will fuel us for our upcoming games."

The Mules are now undefeated against Division III opponents.

Volleyball breaks even at Scranton Invitational

BY ALLISON AUCCLAIR
Weekly Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg volleyball team won its first match at the Scranton Invitational against Misericordia 3-1, but lost the second to host team Scranton 3-1.

The two-day tournament, which began on Friday and ended on Saturday, was held at the University of Scranton.

The Mules also split on Saturday, defeating Wilkes in four games but losing to Centennial Conference rival Haverford.

They finished second place in the Purple Division of the Scranton Invitational, bringing their record to 5-9.

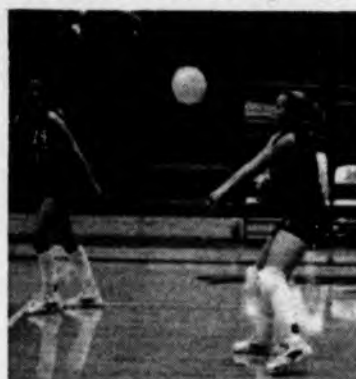
A personal milestone was reached in the tournament, as senior co-captain Dana Ferrelli became the fifth player in team history to record 1,000 career digs.

Ferrelli also set a season high of 24 digs in one game,

the most by a Mule player this season.

"The season looks incredibly promising," said Senior middle hitter Lisa Giammolvo. "We just have to keep working together as a team."

There's so much potential there, and we all know we can come out on top. We



Dana Ferrelli sets up Meaghan Billie

MUHLENBERG WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

just have to prove it."

Senior Meaghan Billie also added in fifteen kills against both Misericordia

and Scranton.

Billie, who was recently named to the All-Tournament Team after recording her 1,000th career kill, totaled a formidable 55 kills for the weekend.

Senior co-captain Maria Poluka contributed with digs, recording nineteen against Misericordia and eighteen against Haverford.

Other Seniors Jennifer Leigh and Lisa Giammolvo also contributed to the Mules win over Misericordia.

Freshman Julie Lauro led the way for Muhlenberg with a school-record 25 kills against Misericordia.

She also chipped in ten kills against Scranton, bringing her to 35 kills for the day.

Freshman Mary Henning also contributed in the second game against Misericordia by adding twenty assists.

Freshman setter Emily Reardon tallied 65 assists for the weekend.

Cross Country comes out on top at first home meet

BY CHRIS PRICE
Weekly Sports Writer

Victorious at the Muhlenberg and Cedar Crest co-hosted Mule/Falcon Classic Saturday, the College's men's cross country team avenged a second place showing last year with seven runners snatching half of the top fourteen spots overall.

Although five teams comprised most of the field, the slimmest margin between any two places was the two-point difference between Muhlenberg and runner-up Richard Stockton, 32-30.

"We did not race the entire team," explains head coach Linda Andrews. "Our goal is to make National Championships."

In order for a team to qualify for Nationals, it cannot race all athletes

in every race. "So what we do," Andrews continues, "is strategically pick who will race and who will either work-out or rest."



Jordan Corbman runs for the finish.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Leading the handpicked squad were Freshmen Alex Hotz (27:51.5) and Ryan Boyd (28:01.8), who finished third and fifth place respectively, glossing over the Cedar Crest course to end the first two finishers for Muhlenberg and among the best five from a pack of 46 competitors.

Freshman Patrick Breault (29:39.2) captured ninth place overall and fifth best from the team.

"I did expect them [freshmen] to do well," said Andrews. "They're all good and did a marvelous job, as did Nate."

"It's difficult to decide the line-ups, but the team that went on the line won the meet."

Although junior Nate Horst ran the meet almost fifteen seconds slower than last season, he improved his individual rank from eighth place last season to sixth place on

Saturday.

Unlike the women's team, the men's squad will not participate in the New York University Invitational this Saturday.

"It's more important for the men to do a quality front workout," said

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Students "Take Back the Night" after assaults in the area



Students participated in a Take Back the Night march last Wednesday.

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Students and faculty of the College marched across campus last Thursday in reaction to recent assaults on campus and in the surrounding area.

The Take Back the Night march was planned to bring students together to stand

up to sexual assault and harassment.

Over fifteen students and numerous faculty members began the night at the Chapel and worked their way around campus, chanting out to be heard by all of the campus community.

At each of the three locations of recent attacks, the group stopped to listen to Chaplain Peter Bredlau

speaking. Following his few words, the group waited for a moment of silence for each victim.

"We wanted to give people the opportunity to verbally process what they were going through at the time," explained Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services.

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Drugs make appearances on campus

BY CHRIS CULOTTA
Weekly News Writer

Mescaline, marijuana and magic mushrooms may sound like a chemistry experiment gone awry, but for many college students, these are the drugs of choice.

On the College's campus alone, last year there were eleven counts of drug abuse charges and at least two this year.

According to Tom Dougherty, Assistant Chief of Police for Campus Safety, marijuana is the most commonly abused drug on campus.

He added, "Even the marijuana that students are buying today is more potent because the dealers are mixing in harmful chemicals and other drugs to keep their customers addicted."

In the United States, marijuana is categorized as a Schedule I narcotic, which makes it illegal to grow, sell and possess.

Several species of mushrooms can produce hallucinations, about a dozen of

which grow wild in the UK. The most common is the Liberty Cap (or Psilocibe Semilanceata), which contains the hallucinogenic chemicals psilocybin and psilocin.

Unlike marijuana, mushrooms are not illegal to pick or eat, but if there is any cooking, drying or other preparation they are considered as illegal as other strong narcotics.

There are several imminent dangers associated with drug use. In addition to the well-documented health risks of drug use, judicial consequences are also a hazard of drug use. If referred to the judicial process on campus for drug use or possession, a student could incur any penalty ranging from a warning to expulsion.

Drug users are further hindered by drug tests that are required for many forms of employment.

While students are free to arise to their own conclusion on whether or not to use drugs, the consequences fall solely on the students' shoulders.

Voter registration drive begins

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

In terms of political beliefs, today's young people seem apathetic and unconcerned, especially compared with many of the politically active college students of the 1960's and 70's. But some students like Emily Kluger '04 wanted to change this stereotype of the youngest voting genera-

tion and took action by organizing the Voter Registration Drive. The Drive, which runs from Sept. 23 to 26 and Sept. 30, will be run by EnAcT, the College Democrats, the College Republicans, the Business and Economics Club and Students Advocating Gender Equality (SAGE).

"One of the reasons that we usually run a Voter Registration Drive is that in

the American population, 18 to 25-year-old people have the lowest voting rate," Kluger said. Because people in this age range statistically vote the least, legislators do not target them for votes. Legislature is more geared to the elderly because they vote more frequently than any other age group.

Young people don't usually vote due to "lack of knowledge about voting,"

and because they "don't feel they know enough about the platforms of the candidates," said Kluger. Her reasoning led to her and other members of the College Community organizing the Voter Registration Drive in order to "pass out information and make [voting] really accessible," she said.

With Election Day approaching on Nov. 5, the College prepares to facilitate student voting. A van will be available that day for students to take them to voting sites in Allentown.

Students can also obtain absentee ballots at the Registration Drive. Also, once a student is registered to vote, he or she does not have to re-register, regardless of whether the student has voted in a past election.

After the Registration Drive is over, there will be political panels and pamphlets available to inform students of any election information. "Students should take an active role as American citizens," Kluger said. "America needs its youth to speak."

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Fighting college drug use

Drug use on college campuses is a problem that has reached a critical mass. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, drugs are the cause for approximately 300,000 deaths each year. Taking into account criminal justice statistics that suggest a correlation between ages and drug use -- specifically those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five have the highest incidence of drug usage -- the potential for devastation on the College's campus is peaked.

The College must continue in its dedication to fight drug use. However, to truly contribute to the prosecution of the so-called "War on Drugs," the College must increase communication with local, state and federal law enforcement officials. While this is done on an ad hoc basis

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Many drug control policy experts in academia and government have endorsed a method to curb drug use: what is called supply-side reduction, or where focus is placed on the eradication of the root supply sources of narcotics. The College could play a pivotal role to realize this goal. Through coordination with law enforcement agencies, on-campus and off-campus supply sources can be identified and eliminated.

Also, in dealing with students who violate the College's Drug Use Policy, aspects of demand-side reduction may be incorporated into a comprehensive drug control program. Having identified students engaged in drug use, either recreation or habitual, treatment options can be extended and encouraged.

The Weekly supports increased attention to the problem of drug use on campus. We hope that this problem can be curbed before a member of the College Community becomes one of the 300,000 deaths that occur each year due to drug use.

currently, there should an undertaking to increase the frequency and quality of communication.

Where, oh where, has my money gone?

Evan Halperin and
Timothy Russell
Weekly Columnists

An unfortunate aspect of professional sports is the ugliness of corporate sponsorship. Stadiums are being named after fortune five hundred companies instead of flavorful names like the Boston Garden. Teams are not really intimidated when they come to play at a stadium called Minute Maid Park or Gillette Stadium.

If any of you have gone to a sporting event recently, you might have thought you were going to the bank or to an office building. I know too many stadiums that are named for some corporation that loves to smear their company's logo all over it. Bank One Ballpark, First Union Center, PNC Pavilion...the list is endless.

When I watch ESPN Classic for a basketball game between Boston and the Philadelphia, I

hear the names, The Boston Garden and The Spectrum. Now it's a game between two Banks, Fleet and First Union. Is this really necessary? Why don't we just name it "Money Hungry Executive Stadium?"

For those Redskins fans, it's a pretty sad story with regard to your team's stadium. When the team moved, and opened its new stadium it was called Redskins Stadium. Then when their owner, Jack Kent Cook dies, it becomes Jack Kent Cook Stadium. Then it turns for the worst. New owner Dan Schneider changes it to FedEx field. Doesn't this money hungry guy have a heart? Couldn't you keep the name for its deceased owner?

How can I talk about stadium names without thinking of good old Enron Field? A perfect example of a corporate sponsorship that not only crashed, but was subject to investigation after they were found to have lied about

expenses to escalate their stock value. I'm sure the Astros wish they never named the field after this farce of a company. But of course it's all about the money. Instead of investing with these fraudulent corporations, I would suggest getting a longtime company like Phillip Morris, or what about Dow Chemicals? Those would be perfect.

A lot of this corporate jargon that goes along with sports really alienates its fans, making sports seem like it is totally about money. In today's corporate America, sports go hand in hand with money; whether it's absurd 250 million dollar contracts or the 125 million dollar pay rolls. Everything seems to be about the profit from the product, not the quality of the product. The next time I go to the ballpark, I don't want to be reminded of this by Bank One Ball Park -- I mean, the grossly overpriced food and souvenirs are bad enough.

Letter to the Editor:

My DTD perspective, for what it's worth

To the Editor:

I am a senior, and I have observed firsthand how our institution has evolved over the past few years. As Muhlenberg patrons, it is the College's obligation to do everything it can to provide us with the education needed to succeed in the proverbial "real world." I feel as if Muhlenberg has done an excellent job

performing this role. The faculty and administration deserve both our credit and esteem for this.

I am both excited and reluctant to consider the prospect of the "real world." With it lie distinct uncertainties and responsibilities

that are unnecessary for most college students to concern themselves over. My time at Muhlenberg will forever be valued and treasured throughout the good and the bad of the remainder of my life.

I am not going to remember the exams that I took.

I am not going to remember my meals at GQ or Garden Room.

I am not going to remember the "activity" booths that are sometimes around Seegers.

I am always going to remember my experiences in Delta Tau Delta.

I am a Delta Tau Delta brother,

*Delta Tau Delta
has offered far
greater rewards and
challenges than I
have had in
the classroom.*

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Blaming others for our problems

H. Matthew Meyers
Production Editor

Lawsuits seem to become more and more frivolous on a daily basis. We have become a nation that seems to think all problems in life can be blamed on someone else. In 1994, an 81-year-old woman sued McDonald's for burning herself when she spilled a cup of coffee purchased at the fast food giant onto her leg. Maybe she didn't know coffee was hot. No doubt being burned is not an enjoyable

experience, but is it worth the 1.3 million dollars she was awarded?

Though this may seem like an isolated case, sadly it's not. In July of this year Caesar Barber, 57, who resides in Bronx, NY, sued McDonald's for contributing to his bad health by serving him food that they knew to be unhealthy. Barber was quoted as saying, "They said '100 percent beef.' I thought that meant it was good for you." This is a quote that most would see as laughable. But couldn't the same

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Why wait?

Stephen Hoppe
Weekly Guest Columnist

It is inevitable; we will eventually be going to war against Iraq. Bush has laid down the gauntlet, and it is too late to be balking at the ball. Current talks with the U.N. and Congress are just delaying our eventual action. But why are we waiting? We are waiting because the U.S. is not quite ready to be engaged in a full-scale war, we are still healing our wounds from over a year ago. Also, President Bush wants to feel sure of his actions against Iraq. He does not want to hear the criticism from the world community, nor from his own citizens.

This previous weekend, a military plan was drafted for the President to see. It is the first step towards our eventual toppling of the Iraqi government. The time to act is now, before Iraq persuades the U.N. just long enough to enable it to protect its borders, or worse, attack first. It happened over a decade ago, when power-hungry Saddam invaded helpless Kuwait.

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The mass marketing of Sept. 11: a media goldmine



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Two weeks ago, I turned on the television, and found my eyes flooded with the images of a disaster that seemed to be ardently celebrating its first birthday in the media. Dour-faced Katie Couric and Matt Lauer spoke in mournful tones of "the tragedy" and "it's impact" and the "lives that will be changed forever." Footage of the towers being blasted down ran in instant replay, like the image of an NFL quarterback getting tackled on the five-yard line. Advertisements for Jeeps, Fords, Chevys and Chryslers flared during commercial breaks, showing car salesmen brandishing flags over new shiny cars available for a modest lease. Even local insurance ads got in on the action, talking of "these unstable times require patriotism, and confidence in our market."

In class, everyone had a glazed look, as if something unidentifiable had swept over their heads, leaving only confusion. But my car radio begged to differ, and since everyone was "unspeakably affected," several stations offered "consolation" to all the families and friends of victims by playing heinously sappy love songs that would bring anyone to tears, victim or vanquisher.

"So what?" you might ask me, "Why bring this overrun topic up, of all things?" Last year, I refrained from writing about Sept. 11 because I felt that everyone who was writing had something more important to say than I did. This year I write, because I think that those who really can offer true insight on last year's events are no longer discussing it; they are moving on, holding within them the memories, and the feelings those memories evoke. Last week, I talked for almost an hour with a woman, a cashier at a supermarket, who had lost her son on Sept. 11. I left the store in tears, and returned to my own memories, high school friends with bright futures in a shining city, whose fate did not even afford a proper burial.

Until this point, I had been reliving the events

of Sept. 11 through the media; my memories existed through news shows, newspapers, televised conferences and mass marketed books of desperate photographs. These memories were not mine, but shared and bought by a consolidated viewing/buying audience, a mass of silenced viewers, roped in by the helpless feeling as their only connection to a tragedy was over a television screen, the same television screen that sells us our Jeeps, our insurance policies, our alarm systems, our radiation detectors, even our backyard bomb shelters.

And so I am distrustful of the Memoriam commercials, the NYC t-shirts, the Fire Department, and Police Department bumper stickers, the flag hats and post-cards of the ghostly image of two edifices, now gone. I wonder if I will recount the story in my head as a *Pearl Harbor*-like movie is made to profit on this newly born media tragedy. Gazing back from this standpoint, September, 2002, I can only wonder where the individual's memories are placed within our society, and what value is invested in those memories in the confusion of a commercialized culture that places its markets before its men.

Lawsuits: the new way to solve your problems

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be said about the coffee lawsuit?

Just last week another lawsuit was filed against Ronald McDonald. Two teens, whose ages have not yet been released, are suing the chain for enticing them to eat unhealthy foods. The attorney for the youths, John Banzhaf, who also was a lead attorney for several class action lawsuits against Phillip Morris, argues that

the advertised "Value Meals" offering larger portions entice children without telling them the adverse effects of eating the food. Banzhaf goes on to argue that the fast food chain lures these children in at an early age by offering "Happy Meals" in brightly colored boxes that contain toys.

"The notion that there's no parental authority over these children is ridiculous," said Mike Burita, a spokesman for the Center

for Consumer Freedom, an organization representing restaurant operators and individuals who want to pre-

We have become a nation that seems to think all problems in life can be blamed on someone else.

serve consumer choice. "Do little kids steal their parents' car keys and drive themselves to McDonald's?"

Walter Olson, a Manhattan Institute fellow specializing in legal-system issues, said it was clear that the suit was trying to cash in on the publicity over the tobacco settlements as well as reports showing rising obesity among children.

Both of these cases are still finding their way through the court system, and the McDonald's Corporation is making no effort to settle these cases out of court. Walt Riker, a

spokesman for McDonald's, has been quoted as calling these cases "ridiculous." According to the Surgeon General, annually more than 300,000 deaths can be blamed on obesity.

Does this mean that by heading over to Giant and buying a chocolate cheesecake, a half-gallon of cookie dough ice cream and topping it off with a gallon of heavy whipping cream I could become a millionaire? If so, I'm there.

Preventing harm to the United States

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Following a U.S.-led victory for Kuwait, Iraq was supposed to disarm and allow U.N. weapons inspectors inside its borders. At first, compliance was met, and then slowly drifted off, until eventually the weapons inspectors disappeared. Why would a country that was supposed to disarm be afraid of weapons inspectors doing their job? What does Iraq have to hide? I believe President Bush's claim that Iraq is developing a new weapons program, the plain and simple facts support the theory. A number of occurrences lead to the conclusion of Iraq's new weapons program and threats against the United States: statements from the Iraqi government urging its allies to strike against U.S. interests if Iraq is attacked, Iraq's pleasure with

recent U.S. tragedies and Iraq's non-compliance with weapons inspections. In a time when Americans are blaming our intelligence agencies for "dropping the ball" and not doing their job, it seems strange that when the President says there is a threat, we, as Americans, do not believe him, nor support him. Maybe recent tragedies could have been prevented or at least forewarned by better intelligence efforts, maybe not. However, since last September, we have made extraordinary strides in our military and intelligence efforts to prevent more attacks. Now we know we can prevent at least one major threat of harm to the U.S. and U.S. allies and interests by actively removing a long-time enemy to the United States. We must act now before it is too late.

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Our school, our choice

Marc Gollob

Weekly Guest Columnist

As everyone is aware, there is a nationwide search for a new President of the College. Unfortunately, the student body is not being adequately included in this decision making process. This is ridiculous because ultimately the policies of this new President will have a direct impact on the life of each and every student at this school. For example, what if the president wants to make this a dry campus? Or what if the president does everything the trustees tell him to do without taking us into consideration?

I want a President who can ultimately balance the concerns of both the students and the rest of the administration. By saying that students should be allowed to be more involved I'm not suggesting that we all pile into the fieldhouse and stand in front of a microphone one at a time. However, I do feel that there should be some avenue that allows for any interested students to be actively involved and where their opinions will be taken into account.

Clearly, there is something

wrong with the fact that we know absolutely nothing about the students representing all of us and we had no say in whether they should be put on the Committee or not in the first place.

Now, I can complain all I want about the unfair representation of the student body, but that is not going to get anything done unless I propose an alternative method. The school should form a committee made up of concerned students and anyone interested should be able to join this organization. They should get updates on the search whenever there is any news and they should be able to present any concerns when they arise.

It seems as though the administration is monopolizing the process so they can get what they want with our interests coming second. We as a student body must be provided with some say in a decision as monumental as this one. The course that this school takes in the future will be dictated by this new President and ultimately the more involved the students are in the process, the more likely that the president will have broad support from everyone involved in the process. Let us have our say.

Next week's discourse topic is:

Academic Requirements

Should we be forced to take classes in subjects in which we are not interested?

If you are interested in writing, contact Rachel at x5008

What I really learned from college

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and my involvement in this organization is one of the things that I am going to reflect upon if the drudgeries of what awaits me appear insurmountable. This is one of the things that I hold closest to my heart.

Delta Tau Delta has offered far greater rewards and challenges than I have had in the classroom. It provided me with memories to reflect upon. It gave me the opportunity to participate in an organization that offered both leadership positions and chances to interact with the local area through community service. It has expanded my social horizon by facilitating my meeting new people. It has reminded me how important it is to trust, and it has taught me how sometimes to be dependent upon the people whom I hold in this esteem. It has helped to shape my work ethic and my ability to budget my time.

Delta Tau Delta has reinforced my notion of perseverance and determination; we

hold greater appreciation for the things that we have to work harder for.

I am proud of my College, and I am proud of my fraternity. Both have shaped me into, what I believe to be, a better person. However, as yet another fraternity is closed down on our campus within a relatively short period of time, it makes me wonder about what social opportunities will be available to the new generations of Muhlenberg students. Greek life at Muhlenberg allows young men and women to become a part of something greater than simply being students in classrooms. This is the time in our lives when we need to discover who we are as individuals. This knowledge is not going to be found in the books our professors tell us to read for our classes. We encounter this kind of information when we interact with other people, and more importantly when we attempt to rise to the calling of the challenges that we all face. I wonder what

experiences and lessons future students are going to take away with them when they ultimately leave this place and move on.

I have no doubt that Muhlenberg will continue to provide quality education for its students in the future, allowing them to successfully integrate into the roles that they will fulfill in our society after they graduate. Muhlenberg will also not cease to capitalize on its many strengths, while trying to do everything it can to minimize what it presumes to be its potential liabilities. Among other things, this serves to make Muhlenberg more marketable to prospective education consumers.

In this time of pledging, I sincerely salute those of you with aspirations to enter into Muhlenberg's Greek community. You are contributing to a proud, fulfilling, historic and dying tradition at Muhlenberg College. Good Luck.

-- Gregory Vorona
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Rape Aggression Defense program to teach students

BY JILLIAN FRANZEN
Weekly News Writer

The Department of Campus Safety will be offering its annual Rape Aggression Defense program (RAD) to members of the College Community. This course is a self-defense class for women taught by certified RAD instructors. The program's goal is to develop and enhance the options of self-defense so they will be available to a woman who is attacked.

The program meets over a period of four days. The first day is mainly to discuss prevention, which is 90 percent of self-defense. The class will also involve taking a personal safety inventory and understanding what a woman can do to prevent potentially dangerous situations in different settings. In addition to these topics, case studies and data will also be examined. The next two sessions are an introduction to and practice of physical self-defense maneuvers, not including martial arts.

Women of all physical abilities are capable of this training, and it is simply to learn what resources women already have using their bodies. The final session is a review of all the information and data that have been discussed in the previous classes. Also included in the last day

is an actual simulation in which women can use full force on a male in a protective suit in a model situation. This is not required, although RAD instructors deem it an excellent way for women to realize what they are capable of, what they have available and what they have learned.

This year RAD will begin on Sept. 26 in the Life Sports Center in Room 138. The next three sessions will be held in the Squash Court of the Life Sports Center on Sept. 29, Oct. 3 and Oct. 6. Each session runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It is available to all women of the College Community. Dr. Susan Leggett, Professor of Communications and Thomas Dougherty, Assistant Chief of Police to Campus Safety are very involved and enthusiastic about this program.

The recent sexual assault reports in Allentown seem to heighten the necessity for the RAD program, which was scheduled before any of the reported incidents took place.

The Rape Aggression Defense program was actually scheduled before recent events; however, they do heighten the necessity for this program. Now more than ever women need to be aware of what they can do to protect themselves. RAD provides a wealth of information and improves self-confidence.

Member of German Parliament visits

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Two worlds joined together in discussion as Dr. Hans Jürgen Doss, a member of the German Parliament, spoke to students and faculty of the College last Wednesday. Doss explained the current poor economic state of Germany and suggested ways to improve the government in his speech entitled, "Germany's Elections and its Relationships to East and West."

"I am very worried about my country, especially in economic terms," said Doss. According to Doss, Germany is regarded to have to greatest lack of reforms in Europe. 4.1 million people in Germany are unemployed. Every day, 1500 jobs are lost in small and medium-sized businesses in the country.

Doss believes the current administration in office in Germany is responsible for the poor economic state of the country. "As a result of four years of Schröder's administration, Germany is the slowest growing country [in Europe]," said Doss. He explained to the crowd of listeners that several factors can be changed to improve the economic state of Germany. Currently, income tax and other taxes are too high for citizens to pay. There are also too many constrictions on busi-



Dr. Hans Jürgen Doss, member of the German Parliament, speaks to students and faculty.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

nesses. "We have too many regulations and too much bureaucracy in Germany," said Doss. The education system in Germany is also poor, contributing more to the conditions of the country.

With the German election approaching, Doss mentioned the campaign topics being debated. After the floods in Germany this past summer, the country is looking for strong leadership to help in the recovery of the country. The fear of war in Iraq also glooms in the view of German voters.

Doss allayed to the crowd that Germany is only interested in supporting the U.S. and its decisions regarding the Middle East. "The U.S. has been standing with the Germans, and I think Germany should stand by the U.S.," he explained. "We as Germans have no better friends than America in this world. [America] helped us over hunger and a destroyed country."

After his speech, Doss responded to questions from the crowd. Doss and students discussed immigration and terrorism.

Students march in response to recent assaults

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The group stopped at 26th St. and Allen St. where a robbery of a student occurred, 26th St. and Chew St. where students reported being videotaped and in the lot behind the library, which overlooks the park where a rape was reported.

The march was a collaborative effort between various organizations on campus, including Students Advocating Gender Equality (S.A.G.E.), Hillel, the Chapel, Women's Issue Network (WIN), Campus Safety and the Counseling

Center. "We have gotten the support of all administrators of the College," said Kelly.

The march successfully raised the attention of students on campus. "People came up to us the next day asking about it," said Melissa Alger '03.

Take Back the Night is a national movement of organized marches to stand up to sexual assault.

The marches are meant for "women to march and raise awareness that [they] won't be scared of being out after dark," said Sarah Kersh '03. "Because of recent attacks, so many stu-

dents were feeling unsafe, so we wanted to empower students. We wanted to fight back."

At least one more march will take place this year. "We're trying to be a more proactive community," said Kelly. "We're not going to sit back and wait for things to happen."

Annually, students participate in a Take Back the Night march for National Women's Month in March. A Speak Out is also tentatively planned for next month.

"We want this [campus] to be a safe place," said Kelly.



Students march through campus for the Take Back the Night March.

PHOTO BY SARAH BURCHAUER

Alumni Relations finds two new faces

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

Taking care of 16,000 people can be a daunting task. However, Lauren Shanahan and Jennifer McKee are eager to accept the challenge as the new Director and Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, respectively. With that many alumni to plan for, the Office of Alumni Relations looks to its two newest leaders for guidance and support.

A 1987 graduate of the College, Shanahan previously worked at the Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network in Trexlertown, Pa., where she was a sales and marketing manager. She also worked as a sales and creative coordinator for Wood Dining Services in Allentown.

Despite her previous employment outside of the College, Shanahan had wished to return.

"Since I graduated, this is the job I wanted," she said.

Shanahan said that Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students and a member of her graduating class, told her about the position in which she could "give back" and "use my own energies to benefit the College," she said.

As Director of Alumni Relations, Shanahan explained that no daily routine exists.

She plans alumni events on campus and in areas such as New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Boston.

"We bring Muhlenberg to them," she said. Shanahan and McKee, as well as the other members of the Alumni Relations staff, find ways to reach out to the alumni constituency and try to offer alumni the opportunity to connect with each other and get involved in College life. Shanahan's many responsibilities as Alumni Director require her

to "engage alumni in life at Muhlenberg" and "reach out and keep people connected."

Currently, Shanahan is working on the planning for Homecoming at the end of this month, including the Hall of Fame Dinner, brunches and other events.

Shanahan replaced Jennifer Tran, the former Director of Alumni Relations, who left to spend time at home.

Tran has a daughter and is helping her husband with his business.

McKee, a 2002 graduate of the College, holds a B.A. in accounting and business administration, with a concentration in entrepreneurial studies. As a student at the College, she served as secretary of the Cardinal Key Society.

She was a finance intern at the First Investors



Lauren Shanahan (right) is the new Director of Alumni Relations and Jennifer McKee (left) is the new Assistant Director of Alumni Relations.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFISKY

Corporation in Philadelphia, and most recently, she was a tour guide coordinator, helping College students and staff.

McKee's tasks as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations are simi-

lar to Shanahan's, and also include supervising the Presidential Assistant with special projects, organizing young alumni programming and keeping up with the alumni association's web page and e-mail.

The College destroys rainforests

BY JUSTIN BUCHBINDER
Weekly News Writer

Boise Cascade (Boise) is the largest rainforest logging company in the United States, destroying acres and acres of Old Growth forest and wildlife and serving as the College's premiere choice for paper products.

"There are only 22 percent of Old Growth forests remaining worldwide."

Diane Boyd

Diane Boyd of the Rainforest Action Network (RAN) made a stop on her national tour at the College this week to educate the student body on the practices of Boise and to describe RAN's Tree Free Paper Campaign.

Boyd's presentation emphasized some disturbing facts and numbers. The College uses 766 reams of paper (roughly 393,000 sheets) in a three-month period in computer labs alone. One tree yields

roughly 8,333 sheets of paper.

Every three months, the computer labs on campus consume over 47 trees in paper.

Boise supplies this paper to the College solely from Old Growth tree forests in the U.S. and other countries. According to Boyd, An Old Growth tree is any tree that is 200 years or older.

RAN's Tree Free Paper Campaign is trying to put a stop to the logging of the Old Growth

forests. The dangers of logging these forests include the extinction of two-thirds of plant and animal species by the year 2100. "The situation is bad enough as it is," Boyd said, "There are only 22% of Old Growth forests remaining worldwide, 4% of them in the United States."

Boyd informed the students that there is a much better option to paper produced from Old Growth trees.

Paper can be recycled 7 to 8 times before it can no

longer be used.

And while recycled paper was of a low quality in the past, as the demand for alternative paper sources mounts, the quality has increased.

Boyd urges students to take action. She suggested that students write letters, attend EnAcT meetings and form a group to go against Boise. RAN, a pro-active, non-violent protest group has already had success in the cessation of the logging of Old Growth forests. Their most recent success includes getting Home Depot to phase Old Growth wood out of their stores. Eight more large companies followed suit immediately after Home Depot phased out their non-recycled wood.

EnAcT, the College's environmental action group, will be starting their own branch of the Tree Free Paper Campaign in the next few months. There are high hopes for success since five universities, all of which are considerably larger than the College, have already ended their contracts with Boise.

Flag forum discusses symbols of patriotism

BY BEN VEGHTE
Weekly News Writer

Four panelists spoke out about their views on the flag and the symbolism that it represents in a forum discussion on Thursday. The discussion was part of the Center for Ethics' two week long series of events entitled "Patriotism in A Global Era", which began Sept. 16 and concludes Sept. 27. Moderated by Dr. James Bloom, English Professor, the forum allowed each of the four speakers a chance to voice their opinions about the flag and the controversial act of burning or defacing the flag as a form of expression.

The first of four panelists to speak was David Rose. Rose, who began his discussion dressed as the prominent traditional Quaker, William Penn, gave a historical perspective of the flag when he spoke about the Quakers and how they interpret the flag as a symbolic

representation.

Rose, who relied mostly on the use of prepared passages from a variety of texts, explained that the Quakers are a society that is based on the "freedom of silence." Rose stated that the Quakers possess "a freedom of conscience" and believe that there is no use of symbolism in their traditions.

As part of his discussion, Rose included a letter that was written by a head master at a Quaker school in Pa., which said, "We don't pledge allegiance, not because we don't love our country. Rather, we don't do it out of matter of principle. We pledge allegiance to God, not to a cloth symbol."

The second panelist to speak, Charles Gerow, spoke of a different subject than that of Rose.

Gerow brought up the controversies surrounding the flag. In his discussion,

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Entrepreneurship brings stronger Biochemistry programs to College

By MATT JAKUBIK
Weekly News Writer

Dr. Sandy Weinberg has been chosen for the newly created Linnaeus Chair at the College. The Linnaeus Chair is given to the College as a gift from Amersham Biosciences, a biopharmaceutical corporation. Weinberg currently works as the Vice President for Entrepreneurship at the

College and also heads the Institute of Entrepreneurship.

This professorship was created to commemorate eighteenth century Swedish biologist Carolus Linnaeus, the father of modern biological taxonomy. The Chair was created to provide support and funding for the development and improvement of biopharmaceutical separations research and education programs. It also

hopes to aid in familiarizing scientists with the latest methods of separation.

In addition to his on-campus work at the College, Weinberg has been an advisor for the Fast Track program at Amersham Biosciences. Fast Track is a service offered by Amersham to other biopharmaceutical corporations in an effort to enhance their cross-flow filtration and chromatography separation systems. Weinberg has developed several important biomedical devices and has founded six international biomedical companies as well.

In addition to advising the Fast Track program,

Weinberg has assisted Amersham Biosciences in other ways. He has assessed their UNICORN software program by confirming that the program meets FDA requirements for the keeping of electronic records and signatures.

In order to produce ample amounts of active drug compounds in a high level of purity, pharmaceutical companies rely heavily on advanced separation technology. For instance, pharmaceuticals often need to isolate potentially toxic substances that may be found in the end product. In order to complete this separation, companies must use very advanced techniques, such as chromatography and cross-flow filtration, to divide product from unwanted toxin.

Amersham is currently a company at the forefront of

protein purification and chromatography systems. The company's current goal is create technologies, systems and applications that will allow for the development of the next generation of molecular medicine. Dr. Robert Kennedy, Director of Separation Sciences North America at Amersham Biosciences, stated, "Amersham Biosciences is pleased to support Muhlenberg College and to honor the name of a great Swedish inventor, educator and biologist who contributed so much to the life sciences. We are confident that Dr. Weinberg will continue to serve the biotechnology industry with his writings and regulatory interpretations and will help Amersham Biosciences establish a leadership position in education for the industry."

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - An Allentown Catholic Diocese priest who works at the Vatican has invigorated a national controversy with a magazine article that argues against the ordination of gay men. In the current issue of the Jesuit-published magazine *America*, the Rev. Andrew R. Baker, who served in the 1990s at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Salisbury Township and Sacred Heart parish in Allentown, called homosexuality a "disorder" and a sexual "disorientation." Baker was a professor of moral theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wyncwood, Pa., before being transferred to Rome in 2001. He argued that cliques in all-male seminaries may promote an acceptability of homosexuality that could confuse young, heterosexual men.

Allentown - The Allentown Community Concert Association, one of the oldest concert associations in the United States, kicks off its 75th season Saturday with a great act and ceremonies. The River City Brass Band is a 28-piece ensemble directed by Denis Colwell and known for its virtuosity, variety and audience-friendly performance style. It's a prolific recording group with a syndicated public radio program, WQED-FM Presents: River City Brass Band. The concert association will receive proclamations Saturday, including kudos from U.S. Rep. Patrick Toomey and Percy Dougherty, chairman of the Lehigh County Board of commissioners. The association presents four concerts a year.

Speakers discuss controversy of flags

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Gerow gave his arguments for why the burning of the flag is a breach in the first amendment. "I am a proud flag waving American, and I believe that it is right to hold it proudly and hold it high," Gerow exclaimed at the beginning of his discussion. Gerow asserted enthusiastically to the audience why he believes it is an act of disrespect to burn or deface the flag. "The flag is a symbol that should afford respect, honor and dignity and entitle protection."

Gerow, who presented himself as a patriotic American throughout his discussion, stated, "There are plenty of ways to say I hate America! Why burn the flag?"

Gerow said that the only person who would want to burn the flag is a person who wants attention. He went on to say that with so many ways of saying, "I hate America," burning a flag is a desperate cry for media attention.

Contrary to Gerow's view, the third panelist, Gloria Perlis, who was well prepared to argue her views, said that burning the flag, although disrespectful to many, "is a right of expression. And it cannot be limited just because it offends

others." Perlis explained that burning the flag, although very unpatriotic, is not something that is in violation of the first amendment.

It is an act that is designed to express opinion and "catch the media's attention as a means of expression."

In contrast to the previous first three panelists, the fourth panelist expressed an opinion that approached the

flag discussion in a different way than that of all of the other panelists.

Beginning her discussion, she said "I'm not a liberal, I'm a radical."

Holly Hughes elaborated on all the other topics by asking, "What does the flag mean?"

Hughes left the audience with little understanding as to what her feelings were in relation to the burning of the flag.

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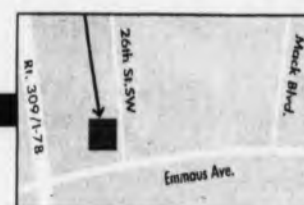
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Grant upgrades Biology computers and laboratory equipment

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly Staff Writer

The College's Biology Department has received a grant from the National Science Foundation totaling \$112,194, which will be used to integrate technology into introductory biology laboratories. The project will implement models for teaching plant and animal structure and function in the Principles of Biology 151 laboratory, and cell and molecular biology in the Principles of Biology 152 laboratory.

The goal of the project is

to expand the use of computer technology and the culture of science to students enrolled in introductory-level biology courses. This expansion will enhance student preparation for upper level science courses, independent research, and graduate and professional schools.

"We have 32 new Compaq laptops equipped to serve two laboratories at a time," said Dr. Elizabeth McCain of the Biology Department who authored the proposal to NSF. "The laptops are supplied with power from one central charging station located in

the lab." The new program will bring these wireless laptop computers as well as linked data acquisition hardware and software into the laboratories to make data collection and analysis efficient and interesting for beginning students.

"The new software includes a statistical analysis package called Sigma Stat as well as a program to create charts, graphs and tables called Sigma Plot," said McCain.

An assessment will be given to Principles of Biology students at the beginning and the end of the semester to determine

what benefits the new hardware and software have had on their learning experience."

"Dr. Laura Snodgrass of the Psychology department will analyze the assessments in the spring," said McCain. "The results will be included in our yearly report to NSF."

The grant was given through the Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement division of NSF, which requires the group who made the proposal for a specific grant to match the money that NSF will ultimately give toward the project. For this reason, the College put \$114,672 into the program to match the grant given from NSF. The cost of the project totaled \$226,867.

The NSF panel in charge

of reviewing the proposal stated that the biology faculty at the College are "involved in the continuous improvement of the curriculum," and that the proposal "builds on their prior accomplishments."

"The National Science Foundation is a highly competitive funding source that traditionally awards grants to less than ten percent of its applicants."

Muhlenberg's continued success in this exclusive arena speaks directly to the stature of our science faculty and their dedication to improving curriculum and laboratory experiences for Muhlenberg students," said Deb Kipp, Assistant Vice President, Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations of the College.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 16 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm in Taylor Hall went off due to burnt brownies.

Sept. 16 - Suspicious Person - A Hispanic male driving a beat-up white station wagon along Chew Street shouted sexual remarks out of his car.

Sept. 16 - Alcohol Violation - Four underage students were found with alcohol in Walz Hall. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 17 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student's vehicle rolled into shrubbery in the Benfer Hall fire lane, knocking over a sign.

Sept. 17 - Robbery - A student was robbed of \$55 to \$60 in cash and his College ID card at the Allentown Bus Terminal on 3rd and Hamilton Streets. The suspect was a Hispanic male in his mid twenties, approximately 5'7" tall, with a light goatee and dark hair parted in the middle.

Sept. 17 - Vandalism - Graffiti was found on a wall of Walz Hall done with magic marker.

Sept. 17 - Harassment by Communication - A harassment charge was made by WMUH. The incident is currently under investigation.

Sept. 17 - Sexual Assault - A report was issued of an acquaintance sexual assault occurring in an off-campus apartment.

Sept. 18 - Assist Other Agency - A student left his driver's license at the Hamilton Family Diner as restitution for his unpaid dining bill. The student never returned to pay his bill. The Allentown Police Department (APD) found the student at his MacGregor Village room and escorted him back to the diner to pay his bill.

Sept. 18 - Codes Violation - Furniture was found removed from a Benfer Hall suite.

Sept. 18 - Harassment by Communication - A student-on-student harassment charge was made in Brown Hall.

Sept. 19 - Vandalism - Smashed glass from a fire extinguisher cabinet was found in the ground floor of Prosser Hall.

Sept. 19 - Vandalism - An unknown substance was found smeared on a wall on the second floor of Prosser Hall.

Sept. 19 - Harassment - A report was issued in which several local Allentown residents drove around Benfer Hall, shout-

ing at students and throwing objects out of the windows and attempting to hit them.

Sept. 20 - Intoxicated Person - The APD arrested student Bryan Johnson for public drunkenness outside the Trexler Library.

Sept. 20 - Trespass - Two non-students were found writing an advertisement for part time work on a blackboard in Trumbower. The individuals were issued letters of trespass.

Sept. 20 - Terroristic Threats - An intoxicated alumnus threatened a Residential Advisor of Walz Hall. The incident is under investigation.

Sept. 20 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A car parked on 23rd and Gordon Streets was found egged.

Sept. 20

- Suspicious Persons - A report of suspicious persons was made by a non-student at 2416 Tilghman Street. The suspicious people were found to be maintenance people from the

College who were in the wrong apartment.

Sept. 21 - Assist Other Agency - Student Jolie Rinehart was arrested by the APD on Chew Street.

Sept. 21 - Alcohol Violation - Four Walz Hall residents were found with alcohol. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 21 - Unsecured Area - The west door of the Communications Building was found propped open.

Sept. 21 - Suspicious Persons - Two non-students attempted to enter TKE fraternity and were verbally advised to stay off campus property.

Sept. 22 - Injured student - A student received a lacer-

ation on the chin in Martin Luther Hall. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 22 - Alcohol Violation - A Brown Hall resident was found with alcohol and was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 22 - Fire Alarm - Dust set off a fire alarm in the AXO sorority house.

Sept. 23 - Vandalism - Eggs were thrown at the AEPi fraternity house.

Sept. 23 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm at 2316 Chew Street went off due to cigar smoke.

Sept. 23 - Failure to Comply - Several Sig Ep brothers were asked by Campus Safety to come off of the roof of the fraternity.

Upcoming Chapel Events

Sunday, Sept. 29	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel
	2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse-2206 Chew St.
	6:00 PM FaithWorks Meeting at ChapelHouse
	7:00 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Oct. 1	7:00 Worship Band Rehearsal in Chapel
	9 PM Bible Study in Chapel
	10 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Oct 2	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Love absolutely everything that ever happens in your life."

--Paul Cantalupo, M.D.

Question of the Week:

If you had to wear one type of underwear for the rest of your life, what would it be?



"Sugar daddy boxers because you can't bite into a sugar daddy, but you can suck it for a long time."

-Dan Sehn '04

"Pink Victoria's Secret thong because it's sexy."

-Casey Friedman '05



"Gray boxer briefs. Supportive yet sexy."

-Dan Kaplan '05

"Underwear? What's that?"

-Matt Meyers '03



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AND MATT MEYERS

Holly Hughes creates laughter and controversy in "Preaching to the Perverted"



Entertainer Holly Hughes and her many faces. Her show on Friday produced laughter and criticism.

PHOTO BY SARAH BURGHAESE

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

Artist Holly Hughes gave a performance to a packed house in the Baker Theatre entitled "Preaching to the Perverted: A Tour of the Dark Side of Democracy" on Friday at 8 p.m. The Center for Ethics brought Ms. Hughes to campus as a part of its plan to look at patriotism in today's society.

She has been performing in many places since the summer of 2000. Her show focuses mainly on the court case against the U.S. government. Hughes, Karen Finley, John Fleck and Tim Millert began their fight when their funding was cut due to "standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

The four private artists' works were funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (N.E.A.) up until 1990. At that time, their grant funds were denied due to obscene and homosexual content and for containing "too much politics and not enough art." These artists, who became known as the "N.E.A. Four," sued the

U.S. government for discrimination with the help of lawyer David Cole.

Hughes and her companions won the lawsuit at the federal level. They also won the first subsequent appeal. Despite these victories, however, the Clinton Administration decided to have the case sent to the Supreme Court, which then overturned the previous two decisions and permitted the N.E.A. to permanently pull the funding for Ms. Hughes and the other artists.

Holly Hughes is known for her willingness to push boundaries of acceptability in her performance art. She seems to do whatever she can to make her audiences aware of the problems she sees in society and government. In response to the decision of the Supreme Court, Hughes' "Preaching to the Perverted" raises questions about the justice of democracy in America.

During her show, Hughes compared U.S. democracy to an elementary school attended by her friend's child. At this school girls were told that they could only wear skirts and tights to class. Hughes asked if anyone was able to speak

for the girls who wanted to wear jeans or even skirts and no tights. This seemed to be a mirror for how she viewed her own treatment in the courts.

During one of the many times when Hughes was speaking candidly about her situation during her show, she stated that Supreme Court justices attacked every point her lawyer made and did not contest much of the government's defense statements. It was clear from her performance that Hughes did not believe that her case was treated fairly by the Supreme Court.

To further display her feelings on the subject, Hughes spent a large portion of her show mocking the Supreme Court itself by referring to it as a sitcom and using rubber duckies to represent the justices.

As for the show itself, Hughes created an atmosphere in which she could express her criticism of American society and government. She used audio clips, numerous props and plenty of anecdotes ranging from her own family to the stories of other activists.

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Gary Graffman: A one-handed musical marvel

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

The general image of a male pianist consists of a sleekly attired man decked out in coattails sitting before the piano and sweeping his hands across keys. He creates booming or delicate music both pleasing to the ear and assuaging the other senses. Pianist Gary Graffman seems to fit this image. He wore the tuxedo pianist uniform. His music is graceful and provocative. Yet, he is not at all typical.

Graffman's image is altogether astounding because he plays only with his left hand. Gripping the piano bench loosely to balance himself, Graffman's lone left hand dances gracefully over the black and white keys with his one hand as if he played with a dozen.

Graffman spent the first part of his career playing the piano with two hands. In 1979 he hurt his right hand, and he re-channeled his artistic energy to exclusively play with only his left hand.

Graffman's concert launched the College's nineteenth annual Piano Recital Series. The aim of the series is to host extraordinary piano talents whose skills

have gained them fame and recognition worldwide.

Graffman's career has spanned over 50 years. He has received awards from him the cities of New York and Philadelphia. He has also received awards from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Graffman is also an educator. Two of the most notable music schools in the world at the University of Pennsylvania and The Juilliard School have given him Honorary Doctorates in music.

Generally a composer writes with the right hand playing the melody while the left hand plays accompaniment. Music for left-handed players; however, must be written so that the left hand not only plays accompaniment parts but also melody.

For the untuned ear, Graffman's selections seemed homogeneous. The attuned ear, however, may think his repertoire was eclectic. All would agree that his show was polished. Graffman's talent is by no means hindered by his one-handedness; the left-hand skills he developed makes him and his performance unique and almost superhuman.



Pianist Gary Graffman plays with grace and extraordinary skill with only his left hand as a part of the College's Piano Recital Series.

PHOTO BY MARK ROGOL

These four walls: Living off-campus

BY JOANNA BZIK
Weekly Staff Writer

RAs, public bathrooms, roommates. These are all parts of the college experience, but they do not have to be. At Muhlenberg every student is given the option to live off-campus, and that is just what some students decide to do. One such group is seniors Ari Abramson, Josh Brookstein, Ben Jaffe and TJ Mansmann who all share an off-campus house not far from Muhlenberg.

Abramson and Brookstein first got a taste of living off-campus in their junior year when they decided to live at their fraternity house. Brookstein said, "We made a list of pros and cons for the decision, and the only pro was that it would be cool." They decided to move in and learned to appreciate being away from dorm life.

With their senior year approaching, the two started thinking about where they wanted to live. With their friends, Jaffe and Mansmann, they decided to rent an off-campus house.

Many houses in the area are routinely rented out on a yearly basis by students. They are in high demand, though, so interested students should start looking during the late fall or early spring semester. "We got lucky," Brookstein says. "We overheard a friend say

that a house was open. We called up the owner and told her we would take it without even looking at it." The decision may seem impulsive, but they knew they had to take a chance.

The boys soon learned that living off-campus was much different than dorm and fraternity life. "At Sig Ep we still had a meal plan," said Brookstein, "but now we're really on our own." With independence comes extra responsibility -- from changing light bulbs and buying groceries to vacuuming and paying bills.

Living off-campus also puts students farther from the Muhlenberg action, but Brookstein says that it is not too far. "It's only about a five minute walk. Right now I actually enjoy it." Then he adds, "But talk to me in two months when I have to trench through snow, ice and sleet."

There are positive aspects of moving off-campus. Brookstein explained, "You can control the environment that you live in. In a dorm, the 30 or 40 people you live with dictate whether it's quiet or loud." Living in house gives students flexibility. It also makes it easier to entertain guests or your family, and you get your own room.

Even the extra responsibility can be seen as a positive point. "It's a part of growing up," Brookstein said. Then he added, "Some people get scared of responsibility. Some people want

an RA and want to be taken care of and looked after." Living off-campus forces students to be more independent and responsible and helps them better understand that it will be like to live on their own after they graduate. Instead of just one small room, the boys now have a three floor house to maintain. Also, if the house is too noisy, the owners have to worry about the Allentown police coming, instead of just the floor's RA.

Even though students who live off-campus are more displaced from the Muhlenberg bubble, Brookstein says that living off-campus does not make it more difficult to stay involved on campus. Aside from the numerous activities the boys participate in, they usually stop in Seegers once a day to see and catch up with their friends. Brookstein explained, "You stay involved socially by just being aware of what's happening on campus and in the community."

Muhlenberg is a great college and a great place to live, but professors and advisors urge their students to expand and test themselves. While students are doing that, they can also "diversify their living experience," said Brookstein. He recommends living off-campus or in a MILE house to anyone here at Muhlenberg. It is a challenge and an experience, and it is what college is all about.

Aura of the Cause photos bring recollections of the past

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

The Center for Ethics brought the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) and their exhibit known as *The Aura of the Cause* to Trexler Library. This compilation of photographs is meant to show the American involvement in the Spanish Civil War. The pictures went on display Sept. 18th.

ALBA was founded in 1975. Since that time ALBA has strived to bring awareness of the North American influence and involvement in the Spanish Civil War. Although originally comprised of Veterans and their families, ALBA came to incorporate writers, artists, and professors who share their experiences regarding the Spanish Civil War.

Essentially, the pictures are arranged in five categories based on what they depict. The photographers range from professionals to actual volunteers who were directly involved in the war. There is a wide array of group shots as well as single men and women. The shots also differ in that in some the people pose for the picture, but others are completely candid. Nine photographs are by the famous World War II photographer Robert Capa.

At the exhibit there is more than the photographs to see. Wall text provides not just captions, but also poems and writings about the Spanish Civil War. The imagery in the words and the surrounding photos almost transport a viewer to the front line.

The exhibit is worth seeing. It will remain in the Muhlenberg Room at the library until September 30th.

Food and fund-raising: A fun benefit for Sudan



Student band entertains for the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan.
PHOTO BY BEN PATTON AND ABBI SHAROFKY

BY PETER MCINTYRE
Weekly Staff Writer

There was food, fun and a charitable cause that brought students together on the front lawn of the College as a part of a series of fundraisers sponsored by the campus's Community Service Office. Occurring on Saturday, September 27th, the event was organized by the Center for Ethics and Leadership and benefited the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan who have been wandering from Sudan for almost 20 years.

The self-imposed exile of the Lost Boys and Girls began in the late 1980's as an attempt to escape the brutality of the Sudanese Civil War. Since that time the group has been forced to

endure many hardships as they wander from Sudan to Ethiopia before finally finding refuge in Kenya. The expatriates currently reside in the Kakuma camp, which was established for their protection. The United States has offered to re-settle the enduring children.

This particular fundraiser for the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan consisted of a student band festival featuring carnival-like rides and catering free-of-charge by Wood Dining Services.

The event, complete with food, musical entertainment and a worthy cause, was a success. It not only raised money for the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, but it also educated students about Sudan and the world beyond the College's perimeter.

Holly Hughes amuses and bothers audience

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She wanted to bring the audience to see her perspective.

The success of Hughes' attempt depends on the person. Many members of the audience enjoyed the show, thought her jokes were entertaining and could understand Hughes' thinking and arguments. Another part of the audience, however, was unhappy with not only Ms. Hughes jokes, but also the way in which she was presenting them. Several times it seemed that Hughes was simply going for shock value with parts of her show. At one point Ms. Hughes put on a rainbow-colored wig and danced around stage to the song "I Will Survive" while carry-

ing such items as a rainbow windsock, a stuffed purple Teletubby and a vibrator. She even had a U.S. flag made out of rainbow colors that she straddled and rubbed between her legs.

Hughes definitely made her point by performing these activities, but it seemed that Hughes was going out of her way to offend some people. Of course, pushing such boundaries is such a trademark of her work. She probably would be happy that she hit sore spots.

Overall, Holly Hughes succeeded in telling her story. She also raised quite a few questions about the justice system in America, but she also succeeded in offending some of her audience.

Ebony fashion show sweeps viewers off their feet

BY LAUREN DEFILIPPO
Weekly Staff Writer

Direct from the collections of many famous designers, the *Ebony* Fashion Show. It took place at the Scottish Rite Cathedral here in Allentown. The show displayed an assortment of different fashions last Thursday night. Designers such as Gianni Versace, Bob Mackie, Oscar de la Renta, Christian Dior and Dolce & Gabbana were just a few that were highlighted during the fashion show.

This touring fashion show travels to cities all over the United States. Allentown has been inviting *Ebony* magazine back since 1984, when Allentown leader Elizabeth Belville first brought it to the town as a fund-raising idea for improving rights for black culture. The designs are hand-picked by the wife of the publisher of *Ebony* magazine, John Johnson.

This fashion show, properly named "Simply Spectacular," was nothing but that. The show marked

the 45th annual production of the show, which will make stops in 179 cities before it closes on May 18, 2003, in Canada.

Many of the designs that could be seen at the *Ebony* Fashion Fair were incredible and outrageous outfits. There were many "over the top" gowns and furs that could not possibly have been worn in public on a regular day, especially in Allentown. Several outfits were designed by fashion guru Bob Mackie, who often designs clothes for singer Cher, and she is very well-known for her outstanding costume at her concerts. Dresses made out of plastic, tiles, bottle caps and fishnets were among the craziest design ideas.

Also, the show was body-baring at the least. Little was left up to the viewer's imagination. From viewing the many different styles on the runway, one would say that the newest fashions of this season include a lot of sequins and sparkles and fur. The outfits had many colorful patterns such as color blocking, and of course they showed a lot of

skin.

The event was an extremely dressy one. Males dug out their tuxedos, while the women grabbed their prom dresses out of the closet for the dazzling gala. Many beautiful and exotic African-American female models showed off the beautiful and crazy designs, and two male models got into the spotlight also.

The *Ebony* fashion show was clearly an amazing and astounding sight to see. Filled with excitement in store for the audience at every turn, the show had a live orchestra, awesome lighting and skillful and intricate choreography. Not only was it a show for a fashion maven and an expert, but it had a bit of a theatrical side, too.

Attendees would have thought they were at a fashion extravaganza in a foreign country by the looks of the production. Usually one would have to travel to larger cities like New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., to see something as outstanding and fascinating as what took place in Allentown.

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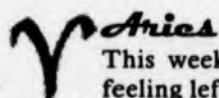
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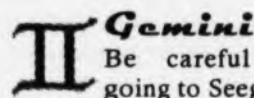
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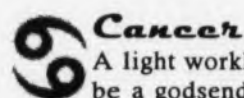
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This week you'll be feeling left out. Your friends may be involved in things that you cannot be a part of. Go out and have fun anyway!



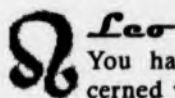
Taurus
Keep checking your mail! You may soon get a surprise that's even better than the neon colored flyers everyone throws into the recycling bin everyday.



Gemini
Be careful when going to Seegers this week. You may run into someone you've been trying desperately to avoid, so keep your eyes open. You don't want to be in an awkward situation.



Cancer
A light workload will be a godsend for you this week. You've been putting yourself under a lot of stress lately. Now you'll finally have time to relax and watch a movie, take a nap or go out.



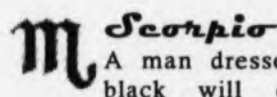
Leo
You have been concerned with finding a significant other, someone to make you feel complete. Realize that you don't need someone else to make you whole. You have to be able to feel this way on your own.



Virgo
You sometimes feel tempted to sleep through that early morning class. Don't do it this week! If you do you'll regret it. It will make this semester harder for you.



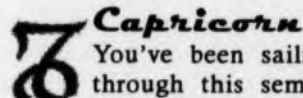
Libra
Your life always revolves around other people. You do everything for everyone but yourself. Learn that helping others does not mean neglecting yourself. Do something for you for once!



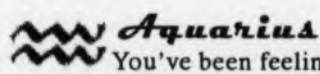
Scorpio
A man dressed in black will cause problems. Be on the lookout and avoid him at all costs. If you don't you'll be regretting it for a while.



Sagittarius
Your professors are not out to get you! They may be tough and you may feel like they have F stamped all over you, but be sure that if you ask them for help you'll discover that they don't have a sinister plot at all.



Capricorn
You've been sailing through this semester with little or no work thus far. This will soon change! Relax while you can because soon you'll need to be prepared to buckle down and do some hard work.



Aquarius
You've been feeling very unfulfilled lately. Maybe you need to reach out and help others. Try helping a friend with homework or get involved in a community service project.



Pisces
You've been putting your friends second and work first this semester. Make sure not to continue to because when you really need your friends they may not be there for you.

Relics

The holiness of martyrs and other saints attaches to their physical remains and to objects they have used or even only touched. These become relics, which are often displayed and treasured by the Christian communities that possess them. Both the value of relics for encouraging the faithful and the danger of focusing on them more than on God, the true object of faith, have been recognized and debated since the first centuries of the church. Since early Christians often used martyrs' tombs as their altars when they worshiped secretly in catacombs, relics have frequently been incorporated into the altar designs.

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Top five food combinations seen in the Garden Room:

- 5) Pretzels and peanut butter
- 4) French fries and ice cream
- 3) Honey and french fries
- 2) Cocoa-Puffs and vanilla frozen yogurt
- 1) Peanut butter, chocolate-vanilla ice cream, crushed Oreos

By Rachel Schatz

Homecoming 2002 What's Happening???

Wed 9/25 8-9pm Student Union Lobby
Erin Fixler
(Muhlenberg's own 19 year old singer-songwriter)

Thurs 9/26 9-10pm Red Door
Comedian **Pete Correale**
(Pete opened for Jim Breuer on our Campus)

Fri 9/27 **SPIRIT DAY**
Wear your favorite 'Berg attire in support of ALL athletic teams. The Bookstore will extend a special discount on all clothing 9/26 & 9/27.

Friday, September 27
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Join the 'Berg Community for introductions of this year's FALL SPORTS TEAMS.

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10pm-2am SU Lobby **PHOTO BUTTONS**

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Fast start for Rugby

By BRIAN FARRELLY
Weekly Sports Writer

"We're undefeated...on our way to the playoffs!" exclaimed Julie Vollonino after the Muhlenberg women's rugby team squeaked out a one point victory over the Gettysburg team on Saturday.

The game was back and forth most of the day until a late score, and subsequent conversion, by the Mules gave the home team a victory in their opening game of the season.

A large crowd attended the contest, which was held at Kern Field. The crowd witnessed a very tightly played, rough and aggressively played game.

The rugby team consists of some inexperienced players, but the team looked sharp, winning scrum after scrum and making many game-breaking tackles.

After the game, a social followed in Cedar Park where the team, as well as many of its fans, was able to revel in their opening win.

The team is off to a hot start and under the captaincy of Senior Anne Brown and proved themselves to be a threat.



Chrissy Terrana goes up for the grab.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

McDowell backs up his team

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is the second to last line of defense before the goalie.

McDowell does not let anyone get by him as shown in a shutout against Dickinson and held Arcadia to one goal, who usually averages 4.5 goals per game. McDowell was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week last week for his defensive play.

Measuring 6'2", and weighing 195 pounds, the extremely outspoken McDowell is a formidable foe on the field.

Quentin cracks a lot of jokes while he's playing and uses humor to get himself and the team going. McDowell is very sure foot-

ed, and kicks with extreme consistency. Quentin not only displays consistency on the field, but he makes sure to be clean shaven before every game, and leaves his shin guards at midfield until three minutes before the game. Quentin attributes a lot of his soccer prowess to coaching soccer in the off season. McDowell states, "coaching soccer makes you look at things fundamentally and have given me greater awareness on the field." McDowell is a Religion major and hopes to coach and teach when he graduates from Muhlenberg in the spring. McDowell and the rest of the men's soccer team has a game this Saturday.

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Shrimp in Thai hot and sweet soup with coconut milk and galanga.
4. Tom Kha Kai. \$3.50
Chicken in Thai hot and sweet soup with coconut milk and galanga.

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5. Thai Spring Roll \$3.50
Shrimp, vegetable, cellophane noodles and Thai herb stuffing. (2)
6. Chicken Satay \$3.00
Marinated chicken grilled on a skewer serve with Thai peanut sauce. (2)
7. Tod Mun Koong. \$4.00
Shrimp patties serve with Thai sweet sauce. (3)

Salads

8. Papaya Salad. \$4.00
Shredded papaya in Thai spicy sauce and ground peanut.
9. Mango Salad \$4.50
Shredded mango in Thai spicy sauce and chopped cashew nut.
10. Crispy Fish and Mango Salad. \$6.00
Crispy fish serve with mango salad

Entrees

11. Shrimp or Crab Fried Rice. \$7.50
Shrimp or crab stir-fried with rice and Thai dressing.
12. Pork or Chicken Fried Rice. \$6.50
Pork or chicken stir fried with rice and Thai dressing.

13. Pad Thai with Shrimp \$7.50
Shrimp stir-fried with Thai rice noodles, bean sprouts, egg in Thai dressing and ground peanut.
 14. Pad Thai with Pork \$6.50
Pork stir-fried with Thai rice noodles, bean sprouts, egg in Thai dressing and ground peanut.
 15. Pad Pheo Wan with Shrimp. ** \$7.50
Shrimp stir-fried with vegetables in Thai sweet and sour sauce.
 16. Pad Pheo Wan with Chicken. ** \$6.00
Chicken stir-fried with vegetables in Thai sweet and sour sauce.
 17. Shrimp or Beef Stir-Fried. ** \$7.50
Stir-fried with vegetables in Thai sauce.
 18. Pork or Chicken Stir-Fried. ** \$6.00
Stir-fried with vegetables in Thai sauce.
 19. Pumpkin Stir-Fried with Shrimp. ** \$7.00
Shrimp stir-fried with Asian pumpkin and Thai dressing.
 20. Pumpkin Stir-Fried with Pork. ** \$6.00
Pork stir-fried with Asian pumpkin and Thai dressing.
 21. Shrimp Three King. ** \$8.50
Deep fried shrimp and Thai basil in sweet-sour sauce.
 22. Gang Ped (Shrimp or Beef). ** \$7.50
Shrimp or beef in red curry and vegetables.
 23. Gang Ped (Pork or Chicken). ** \$6.00
Pork or Chicken in red curry and vegetables.
 24. Gang Khew Wan. ** \$6.00
Pork or chicken in green curry and vegetables
 25. Gang Panang (Beef). ** \$7.50
Beef in panang curry, coconut milk, pepper and Thai herb
 26. Gang Panang (Pork or Chicken). ** \$6.50
Pork or chicken in panang curry, coconut milk, pepper and Thai herb
- (**Serve with rice)

Vegetarian Corner.

Soup.

27. Tom Yum Phung. \$3.00
Vegetables in Thai hot and sour soup with coconut milk, lemon grass, lime and chili pepper

Appetizers.

28. Thai Spring Roll \$3.00
Vegetables, cellophane noodles and Thai herb stuffing. (2)

Entrees.

29. Fried Rice. \$6.00
Vegetables stir-fried with rice in Thai dressing.
30. Pad Thai. \$6.00
Tofu Stir-fried with rice noodles, bean sprouts, egg and ground peanut in Thai dressing.
31. Tofu Stir-Fried. \$6.50
Tofu stir-fried with vegetables in Thai sauce.

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Football still in the winners circle

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Isaac Custer put Dickinson on the board when replacement George Gonzalez found him from seven yards out with 4:10 remaining in the half, capping a fourteen play, 82 yard drive. The touchdown, which turned out to be Dickinson's first passing touchdown in two seasons, reduced the deficit to 21-6, where the score stayed after Muhlenberg blocked the ensuing extra-point.

Gonzalez then salted an otherwise stagnant third quarter when he dove in the end-zone from the one-yard

line as time ran out, narrowing the Mules' lead to eight points. This score crowned an 85-yard Red Devil drive that gulped the last eight minutes of the third quarter, and a considerable portion of their total 34:07 time of possession.

Dickinson quickly recovered possession as senior safety Mike Jackowski returned a Jones interception to the Muhlenberg 24-yardline.

After two plays that moved the ball four yards, Antonio Tiberi surged 20 yards to the endzone to slash the lead to 21-19 with 12:13 left in the game.

Gonzalez then hit Gerald O'Hara in the corner of the end zone to tie the game at 21 apiece.

It was the next possession that saw Jones connect with Shay for a forty-four yard touchdown pass.

Jones would end the day with 259 yards on 17 completions, five of which were with Shay for 123 yards. Junior linebacker Tony Briscella finished with a career-high 14 tackles, including one-fourth down sack. The football team will defend their 45-3 victory over Western Maryland last season in their homecoming game this Saturday.

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

Sept. 21, Mules vs. Dickinson, 2-0.
James Henshaw and Timothy Sparta contributed a goal.

Cross Country

NYU Invitational
Sept. 21, the Women placed 9th overall.
Karen Mount placed 10th.

Volleyball

Sept. 21, Mules vs. Bryn Mawr, 3-0.
Dana Ferrelli had 15 digs.
Mules vs. McDaniel's, 3-1.
Julie Lauro had 23 kills.

Sept. 23, Mules vs. Moravian, 1-3.
Julie Lauro had 18 kills.

Football

Sept. 21, Mules vs. Dickinson, 28-21.
Jordan Wright had made the first touchdown for the Mules' after a fumble recovery.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 21, Mules vs. McDaniel, 3-1.
Monica Jones, Dawn Iberer and Courtney Levine each had a goal.

Field Hockey

Sept. 21, Mules vs. Elizabethtown, 1-0.
Katie Thomas with the goal, assisted by Lauren Jacobs.

CC Ranking as of September 24th

Women's Soccer

- Mules are ranked 4th in the Centennial Conference.

- Dawn Iberer is ranked 1st with goals per game this season, ranked 3rd with points per game and ranked 1st for most goals overall.

- Kim Laurino ranked 12th in saves percentage and ranked 7th with saves.

- Monica Jones was Centennial Conference's player of the week.

Volleyball

- Mules' are ranked 2nd in the Centennial Conference.

- Meaghan Billie is ranked 8th with kills per game and ranked 9th in hitting percentage.

- Emily Reardon was ranked 8th in hitting percentage and ranked 6th in set assists.

- Julie Lauro was ranked 7th with kills per game. She was also named Centennial Conference's player of the week.

Field Hockey

- Mule's are ranked 4th in the CC.

- Kristen Bruschi is ranked 6th in goals per game, ranked 6th in points per game, ranked 5th in goal and ranked 5th with points. She was also last week's CC player of the week.

- Alexa Sterbinsky is ranked 10th in assists per game and ranked 7th in assists.

Lauren Jacobs is ranked 11th in assists per game and ranked 10th in assists. She was also named player of the week by the CC.

- Josephine Fasolino ranked 2nd in save percentage, ranked 3rd in goals, ranked 2nd in saves and ranked 3rd in shutouts.



Men's Soccer

- Mules' are ranked 3rd in the CC.

- Chris Davis is ranked 10th in save percentage and ranked 4th in goals against average.

- Quentin Mc Dowell was named player of the week by the CC.



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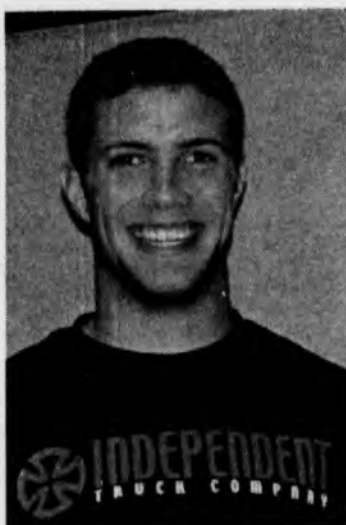
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Profile of a Mule : Quentin McDowell

BY MATT FLEISSIG
Weekly Sports Writer

Senior and Captain Quentin McDowell, of the Muhlenberg Soccer team, joins us all the way from Aberdeen, Wash. Like all athletic children, Quentin played an array of sports through his childhood. It was not until the age of fifteen when he decided to focus on soccer and started playing on traveling soccer teams.

McDowell, a four-year letter-winner is one of the commanders of Muhlenberg's unique defense. The Mules use a zone defense called a "flat back defense." There is a tremendous amount of communication, teamwork and preparation involved in



Quentin McDowell.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

making this defense work. McDowell plays the position of center back, and he

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Nothing stops Mules' field hockey

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's field hockey team has been off to its best start since 1990. The Mules (6-1) are still undefeated by Division III opponents. The Mules have been able to win the last five consecutive games by just one goal. On Saturday, the Mules defeated Elizabethtown 1-0.

During the second half Freshman Katie Thomas scored her first career goal leading her team to a non-conference victory. Junior Lauren Jacobs assisted Thomas' goal and also recorded a defensive save in the game.

Senior Josephine Fasolino made ten saves

and added her fourteenth career shutout. Fasolino is ranked number one in the Centennial Conference for saves, 65 and ranked third in

shutouts this season with three. This past week Sophomore Kristen Bruschi was named Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference.

Kristen has netted three of the winning goals for the three games they played last weekend. Kristen also has fourteen points this season, surpassing all of her last years totals. Kristen is ranked sixth in goals per game.

For the week of the 24th, Junior Lauren Jacobs was also named Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference.

Lauren had an assist on the Mules' only goal to win against Elizabethtown, as well as recording a defensive save during the last game.



Katie Thomas brings the ball down the field for a goal.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Volleyball is unstoppable

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Freshman outside hitter Julie Lauro and senior Dana Ferrelli both recorded double digits in digs during both matches at Bryn Mawr.

The Mules (8-9) avenged one of their two 2001 conference losses, with their win over McDaniel (previously named Western Maryland). Lauro ended up with 23 kills in the fourth game against McDaniel, falling two short of the Muhlenberg record she set only days ago against Misericordia. She also tallied up six aces for the day.

"We really came together

as a team and it was an amazing feeling. We worked hard and showed everyone that we're back and ready to play," stated Senior hitter Maria Poluka. "We worked together as a team to achieve our goal of beating McDaniel, and we achieved that goal." Freshman setter Emily Reardon had 54 assists, breaking her own school record for assists in a four-game match by one. Muhlenberg set a team record with 65 kills against McDaniel. Ferrelli had thirteen of them as she posted her 21st career double-double.

Men's soccer wins first home game

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

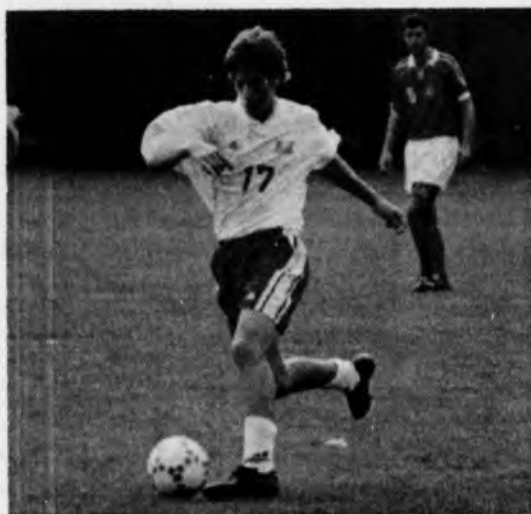
After a big win over Dickinson this week, the Mules (5-3, 1-0) are now standing in third place in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules had their CC opener, dominating over Dickinson, 2-0.

This was the Mules' first

Mules in the lead over Dickinson. The goals were made by freshman James Henshaw who was assisted by Senior Ben Long. Sophomore Timothy Sparta made the second goal. Sophomore goalie, Chris Davis is ranked in the CC for save percentage and goals.

Senior Quentin



Ryan Smallwood takes the ball up the field for the Mules.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

home game win of the season, falling to their first three competitors who were regionally ranked. After the first half, neither team was on the scoreboard. In the second half the Mules decided to step up and show Dickinson what they were made of. During the second half, the Mules' made two goals within two minutes of each other, which put the

McDowell was named CC's Player of the Week.

The team is now on their way to the fifth shutout of their season. The Mules are 36-5-1 all-time at home in CC games. Monday night, they defeated Misericordia, 1-0. The goal was scored by freshman Jose Ramirez.

The Mules added another win and another shutout, brining their record to 6-3.

Saturday's Home Games

Field Hockey

Mules vs. Franklin
& Marshall, Sat.

Sept. 28, at
5:00 p. m.

Football

Mules vs. Franklin
& Marshall, Sat.

Sept. 28, at
1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Mules vs.
Gettysburg, Sat.

Sept. 28, at
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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

SPORTS

Volleyball wins all three

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Weekly Sports Writer

On Wednesday night, the Muhlenberg Volleyball team hosted Scranton, and ended the evening with a four game win.

Freshman Julie Lauro had fifteen kills and five blocks to lead the Muhlenberg volleyball team to a 3-1 win against Scranton. This victory came a mere five days after the Mules lost to the same Lady Royal team in four games.

Muhlenberg had thirteen blocks in the match, with Senior Lisa Giammalvo also recording five and Senior Meaghan Billie four to go along with her ten kills.

The highlight of the evening for the Mules occurred in the fourth game of the match.

After winning the first two games and dropping the third, the Mules trailed 16-14 in the fourth when a Scranton serve appeared to hit the floor for an ace. In

actuality, the ball hit Lauro's sneaker, and bounced up to be played out by Muhlenberg.

While the Lady Royals were celebrating, Muhlenberg sent the ball back over the net for a point.

Scranton was in the lead, 17-16, when the game turned around. Senior Jennifer Leigh, who tied a school record with 69 aces last year, took over service and ran off six straight points to put the Mules ahead to stay. The first three points came on three consecutive aces.

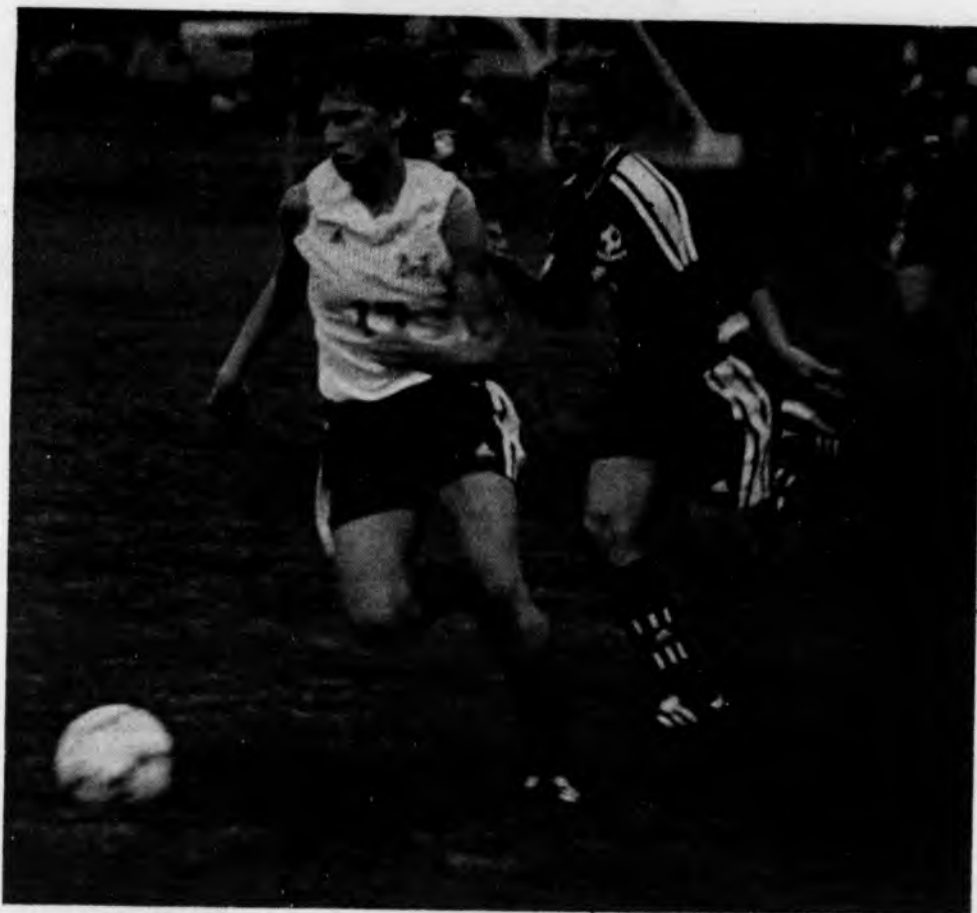
This weekend the volleyball team traveled to Bryn Mawr, where they took on McDaniel and Bryn Mawr in a tri match.

The mules came out on top, defeating Bryn Mawr in three games, and McDaniel in four.

This tournament opened the regular season Centennial Conference.

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Women's soccer is not a team to overlook



Freshman Amy Schmidt blows past McDaniel's defense.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

By LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's soccer team had an incredible win over McDaniel this weekend defeating them 3-1. The Mules (3-5, 1-0) have now added to their centennial conference home game-winning streak making it 15 games. Junior Dawn Iberer made the first goal, which was a penalty shot, for her eighth goal of the season. In the centennial conference Dawn Iberer was ranked number one with most goals overall in the conference with six goals last week. Iberer is also now tied for the Mules' all time career-scoring list with 86 career goals. After a foul was drawn outside the penalty box by Junior Jen Gitto, Junior Monica Jones shot the ball into the back of the net, making her

first goal of the season. Junior Courtney Levine assisted by Rebecca Armstrong shot the last goal. She drove the ball off the left post and the goalie to score to put her team above McDaniel. Senior Kim Laurino made six saves this game and is ranked seventh in the Centennial Conference with eighteen saves. The Mules are 33-3-2 in the last 38 games played against conference opponents. Defensively Monica Jones and Katrina Custance, who have been working together since freshman year, hold the back field together very strongly. Junior Monica Jones was named player of the week by the Centennial Conference. Jones scored a goal on a direct kick in the Mules' Centennial Conference opening game, 3-1, against McDaniel.

Football wins on the road

By CHRIS PRICE
Weekly Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg College football team edged host Dickinson Saturday 28-21, earning their third consecutive win of the season and their first Centennial Conference victory. With just over nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, and the score tied 21-21, the Mules successfully converted a fourth-and-four situation as senior quarterback Justin Jones connected with wide receiver Kodi Shay along the right sideline for what turned out to be a forty-four yard touchdown pass. After a Chris Reed extra point, the

Muhlenberg defense managed to squelch two final Dickinson possessions, first on a three-and-out, and next from a Thanasis Petrakis interception with 1:23 left, dropping the Red Devils to 0-3 on the season and 0-1 in the Conference.

The Mules drew first blood in the first quarter when defensive back Jordan Wright recovered a fumbled snap on an attempted punt in the Dickinson end zone, giving Muhlenberg a touchdown scored on special teams' in each of their first three games. The Mules defense kept Dickinson quiet until Jones completed an 11-yard touchdown pass to tailback Matt Bernardo, who also rushed for 92

yards and became the third player in College history to earn 2,000 yards in a career. The point after from Reed made the score 14-0, where it would stay for the remainder of the first quarter.

Five minutes into the sec-

ond, Jones scored on a 15-yard touchdown run, making the score 21-0. After getting benched to begin the second quarter, the Red Devil's starting quarterback

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School spirit shown at Pep Rally and Homecoming events



Students show their school spirit while cheering on the Mules at the Homecoming football game.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Weekly News Writer

Walking down the paths to class, students wore more cardinal red and gray attire than usual this past Friday in celebration of Spirit Day at the College. Whether or not the College clothes were purchased in the bookstore on Thursday or Friday for a ten percent "school spirit discount" or purchased at another time, many students displayed the name of their college proudly.

Also on Friday was the Fall Sports Pep Rally. Held at 8 p.m. in the Life Sports Center, it was attended by a moderately sized crowd of mainly team members and their friends.

The Pep Rally began with a performance by the College cheerleaders. The cheerleader's show was impressive to the crowd with its many difficult lifts that reached skyward and

several sets of complicated dance steps. The spectators heartily enjoyed the cheerleaders' performance, making the gym resound with applause and shouts of encouragement.

Next on the floor was the field hockey team, which was introduced and praised for its notable 7-2 record so far this season.

After the field hockey team left the floor, the audience was treated to the vocal stylings of the men's soccer team. Each member of the team learned the song as an attempt to bring the team closer together and build team spirit. The audience was encouraged to attend the soccer game on Saturday at 7 p.m. Afterward, the women's soccer team introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their Homecoming game the following day.

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Congressional candidate speaks on campus

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Congressional candidate Ed O'Brien shared his views with students and faculty of the College this past Tuesday. O'Brien is running as a Democratic candidate for the 15th District House of Representatives seat in Pennsylvania.

Introducing O'Brien to the audience, David McGuire, visiting professor of Chemistry explained that this congressional race "is one of the national races being watched as a critical race." Two years ago, O'Brien came close to his opponent, Pat Toomey. O'Brien is challenging

Toomey again this year.

Starting off his speech, O'Brien praised students for organizing a voter registration drive last week. "That's real action. That's really what we need more of in this country," said O'Brien.

O'Brien related most of his political views to his life experiences. Raised by his mother who obtained survivor's benefits after his father's early death, O'Brien acknowledged the importance of Social Security benefits. "Social Security is much more than something for people who reach retirement age," said O'Brien.

O'Brien played an active role in the United Steel

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Running for remembrance

Students and faculty join in a race to honor lost alumni

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

The second annual Remembrance Run and Walk was held this past Sunday to remember those from the College Community who were lost in the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. Sponsored by the Cardinal Key Society along with the Men's and Women's Track and Cross Country teams, the five kilometer run/walk was held in the Rose Garden, Cedar Parkway at 2 p.m.

"The track and cross country teams did a great job overseeing the event and directing participants along the way," said Jennifer McKee, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations.

Participants were asked to contribute a \$5



Students and alumni prepare to race for lost alumni.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

donation, and over \$300 was raised in total at the event. The money collected will go toward the funding of a permanent memorial that will be placed on the College's campus.

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David M. Sobotkin, Editor-in-Chief Jessica Skrocki, Managing Editor

The New Jersey election controversy

In the past few days a startling revelation occurred in the New Jersey Senate race. Senator Robert Torricelli bowed out two months before the election after years of scrutiny over campaign finance and his questionable expenses. All along Torricelli has claimed his innocence but the events of recent days cause his constituents to think otherwise. Toricelli may not be a man of great integrity but the problem that remains after all the smoke has cleared is of a far different issue. The election practices of this country have been under much scrutiny in recent years and this debate is just adding fuel to the fire.

The senator's guilt or innocence will be debated for months to come but the issue at hand concerning this dilemma is not focused on him, but who

The actions of one corrupt politician should not allow a Republican to hold an office in the U.S. Senate by default.

will fill the Democratic slot in November. The problem lies in the fact that the deadline to place a candidate on the ballot has passed and the Democrats are left with a

major crisis on their hands. It is clear to us that rules should be followed, especially when it comes to election procedure, but in this case an exception should be made. The actions of one corrupt politician should not allow a Republican to hold an office in the U.S. Senate by default. One man does not reflect on the party as a whole and to penalize not only the politicians but also the voters of the state of New Jersey is an action that should be taken with careful consideration. In essence, the choice being made is whether or not laws should be adhered to so strictly that they stifle the opinion of the masses.

The voice of the people should be heard over the voice of the Washington policy makers. Let the people decide who they want representing them. Torricelli's actions were an embarrassment to his party but not letting the Democrats put in a replacement would be an embarrassment to the American democratic system as a whole.

Letter to the Editor:

A Search Committee response

To the Editor:

I write this letter in reference to The Weekly article that ran last week entitled, "Our school, our choice" by Marc Gallob. In the article the author purports that "the student body is not being adequately included in the decision making process" of finding a new President. I find this representative of a

very irresponsible journalistic effort. The students are emphatically involved in the process. I, along with Abby Thompson, sit on the Board of Trustees' Presidential Search Committee. I was asked to sit on this Committee by the Chair due to my position as Student Body President. A committee of student leaders selected Abby through a process that included

paper screenings and interviews. In fact, the committee that ultimately selected Abby included the Editor-In-Chief of The Weekly. Gallob need only look to his Editor-In-Chief for information regarding student involvement; unfortunately he did not.

The author also suggests the Student Body "know[s] absolutely

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One Nation ... Under God?



MICHAEL
SABELLA

E PLURIBUS,
SABELLA

with the above title. The saying is on the back of the one-dollar bill ... part of it, actually. "E Pluribus Unom" means "Out of Many, One"

Recently I was asked if I wanted my own column in The Weekly. One of the things needed was for me to come up with my own heading. With the help of friends I came up with the above title. The saying is on the back of the one-dollar bill ... part of it, actually. "E Pluribus Unom" means "Out of Many, One"

(I took out the Unom). We figured the title was both creative and in-depth. As I was altering the wording of the famous saying, I started thinking of another change of wording in one the country's most common places: the Pledge of Allegiance.

The term "Under God" has been the source of much controversy lately. In my years as a student the Pledge of Allegiance was said without a thought to what it actually meant. Kids in class would say it while rolling their eyes, chewing gum or finishing up late homework. Most people say the words without giving much thought to the power

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Campus makes noise against Boise



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Everyone gets those letters in their mailboxes -- whether it is about campus safety, or about the presidential search or anything else that a club may want to put out. Multiply all of that by about 2,160 students, plus faculty, plus alumni and then add incoming freshmen. That's a whole lot of paper. Even more than that, it's a whole lot of trees.

Currently, Muhlenberg, along with all the other colleges in the Lehigh Valley area, gets its paper from a company called Boise Cascade. Boise Cascade is a very prominent paper company. You've used the paper in the printers and copiers. It's good paper. However, we are paying for it. And not just with the money we're shelling out for it. No, we're paying for it on a much higher scale. It's costing us our forests and costing many species of wildlife their homes.

Boise Cascade is, as of right now, the largest logger of public lands and even national forests. They're a large wholesale distributor of endangered forests and have bought more timber

than any other company. They've also clear cut, as in completely wiped out, growth which was the home for several species. Also, they're using old growth forests for their timber.

There are many things that define an old growth forest. The different foliage and types of growth are some factors. The main definition is any forest which houses a tree 200 years of age or older. Only 22 percent of old growth forests remain in the world, and four percent of those are in America. Boise Cascade wants to use these in order to make paper. It's just not right.

You might be saying to yourself, "But we'll always need paper. Why should we switch to a different company?" Simply put, every 88 days, Muhlenberg College uses about 78 reams of paper. One tree can be made into approximately 16.67 reams of paper. Essentially, every 88 days, we use 4.67 trees. Granted, this does not seem like a lot, but now multiply that by all the other colleges in the Lehigh Valley area and then by all the other colleges that Boise Cascade sells to. It adds up.

By switching to a company that uses recycled paper, we can greatly extend the life spans of trees and slow the destruction of forests. A single piece of paper can be recycled four or five times before it becomes unusable. Once again, this may not seem like a lot, but if

you were to take into consideration all of the sheets of paper that are used, we would be able to make a dramatic effect on the logging industry and make them rethink their practices.

Here's the big question. What can you do? How can you make a difference? The reality is, alone, there's not a lot you can do. However, by banding together, you become much stronger. Muhlenberg currently has a group, EnAct, which is fighting for the sending of Boise Cascade usage.

Another thing you can do is to pass on the word. Tell your friends that you think it's wrong that we're using a logger of old growth forests for our school paper. Ask your teacher if you can bring it up before class. You might even score some extra points with the teacher. It shows that you're interested the environment and your school. Start a petition and get signatures to show the interest of your fellow classmates and to make your voice heard.

The most important thing you can do however is to find out as much as you can about the topic. Do not just listen to other people telling you that this it's wrong to cut down trees. Find out for yourself. There are of websites about tree free paper and the reasons why we need forests. Become educated and you become powerful.

Finding Phish

Evan Halperin and Timothy Russell
Weekly Columnists

New Year's Eve Phish tickets are currently going for 5,000 dollars on Ebay. Despite popular belief, this is not a consequence of some moneymaking scheme by the band itself. In fact, the absurdly high prices are a result of greedy pseudo-entrepreneurs trying to make a quick fortune. Consequently, music lovers and Phish fans are suffering intolerable prices for their tickets. This is not at all in the spirit of the band, or their music.

Phish and other jam bands of today have followed in the Grateful Dead's footsteps and in the spirit of the music, also allow fans to freely tape their shows and trade them amongst other fans. Phish, who formed in the mid 1980's, started off slowly, playing in small clubs for small crowds. Over the years, Phish has gained a following of fans that travel around the country touring and living a life that "dead-heads" once lived. Over 75,000 dedicated fans attended Phish's last concert event, the 2000 New Year's show in

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The Pledge dilemma

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behind them. I don't think anyone could have foreseen the coming controversy.

On June 26, 2002 the United States Court of Appeals for the ninth Circuit in San Francisco ruled that the Pledge of Allegiance could no longer be said because of the words "Under God." The court said that the wording violates the First Amendment prohibition against state sponsoring of religion. The decision affects the nine western states that are in the jurisdiction of the court, and has had countless repercussions across the country.

The man who brought the suit was an atheist, a person

who doesn't believe in the existence of God, who felt that his daughter's rights were violated because she was forced "to watch" her state-sponsored teacher lead other children in a state-sponsored "ritual" that proclaims that there is a God. The court's decision was heavily criticized in Washington from Senators, Representatives, and the President.

As many different sides weigh in on the issue I wonder: Does the court have a valid point? I'm not an expert in the Constitution, but I would have to say that the decision seems to be legally sound. The United States was founded on the idea of separation of church

and state, and the Appeals Court was following the guidelines set up by the founding fathers. Remember, the pledge didn't always have "Under God" in it; it was added by Congress close to 50 years ago in 1954. So what one branch of government gave, another took away. Personally, I don't see the harm in the saying. I do understand the legal argument behind it, however, chalk it up to nostalgia, I just can't imagine the Pledge without those words. Like Robin Williams said, we should just change it to "One nation Under Canada, Above Mexico." I can't see much fighting over that.

Truth about the Search Committee

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nothing about the students representing all of [them]." This may be true. However, The Weekly ran an article profiling both Abby and me and our reactions to being included on the Board's Search Committee. In addition to the Student Body "knowing absolutely nothing" about those representing them, Gallob asserts "the administration is monopolizing the process so they can get what they want." Again, with a little research, Mr. Gallob would discover that, in fact, the administration is playing a small role in the search for a new President. The Board of Trustees is

charged, and it is their sole responsibility to name a new President of Muhlenberg College. The Board's invitation to allow two students and three faculty members to sit on their Committee was a gesture of goodwill and inclusion; one that was not mandated. So, in short, the administration has a small say in the process of choosing the next President, let alone "monopolizing the process."

Lastly, Mr. Gallob states, "there should be some avenue that allows for any interested students their opinions will be taken into account." This past Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. a representative of the Search Firm

retained by the Board of Trustees to aide in the search process was on campus to specifically listen to students' opinions. Mr. Gallob were you there?

The overriding theme of "Our school, our choice," is that little, if any, research or effort went into the article. Unfortunately, such journalism is not only irresponsible, but also hurtful to a student body that has much say in the process of choosing the next President of Muhlenberg College. The Chair of the Search Committee has sent a letter to all students indicating ways to communicate thoughts and opinions. The Weekly has run several articles detailing the process and people involved, and interested students have taken note.

It is my belief that this process will reflect student opinions. I am not guaranteeing by any means that all student wants and desires will be met; I am assuring the College Community that the students' wants and desires will be heard and represented. I urge any and all students to convey their opinions and thoughts on the next President to either Abby or me.

This is a very important step for the College; students need to be correctly informed as we go through the process. To that end, I encourage all students to become educated as to the process and background of the Presidential Search.

--Seth Williams
Student Body President
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Weekly Discourse: General academic requirements

Gaining important knowledge or a waste of students time?

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Most people, when choosing a college, fall into one of two distinct categories: those who know what they want to do with the rest of their lives and those who don't. If you happen to be one of the lucky few who have their futures planned out you make your decision on what school to attend accordingly. Choosing a school with a specific concentration such as art or technology provides the tools to develop skills needed to excel in a predetermined career. For the rest of us who venture into the uncertain world of higher education with only an inkling (if even that) of what profession we will eventually end up in, the obvious choice is a well rounded liberal arts college.

All of the students who attend Muhlenberg College made the conscious decision to explore new fields and take interest in new ideas when they signed on the dotted line and made this campus their home. The problem lies in the fact that once they get here the curriculum that they thought they wanted turns out to be more of an annoyance than a learning experience. The most common complaint about a given student's schedule is the fact that half of the classes they are taking are of no interest to them because of the general academic requirements. "If I'm not pre-med, why should I have to take bio?" is a statement heard numerous times during a Concepts class. Muhlenberg students being the savvy individuals that they are, do pose an interesting question.

Why is it that students are forced to take classes that provide no intellectual stimulation for them whatsoever? The answer lies in our culture. All developed nations are thought to have an education population. Knowing the exact atomic weight for each element on the periodic table is not important but knowing how to figure out the weight is. It is more about the application of knowledge than the knowledge itself. Gaining even the slightest bit of information in many fields makes a person more likely to assimilate with different groups of people.

The academic requirements are also important for the amount of exposure that they provide. The average student does not stick with the same concentration for all four years of colleg, the reason being, they are bombarded with different majors, the likes of which they have never seen before. Coming from a smaller school that doesn't provide the plethora of options that Muhlenberg does students may be limited. Once they arrive and are pushed to explore new things they may find an interest in something that they had never come in contact with before, such as philosophy or anthropology. By simply sticking with what works there is never the opportunity for growth or development.

During a student's four years at college it may seem like the requirements merely get in the way of what they "really" want to do but the opposite is true. The classes that are being pushed on students help them to find their real calling or simply instill in them worldly knowledge which can do nothing but help them later on in life.

Rachael Lederman
Weekly Guest Columnist

I applied, was accepted and am attending a liberal arts college. The key word is "applied," which implies this was a voluntary act and therefore I should have choices in my course selection. I know taking courses in all subjects is supposed to lead to a well-rounded and knowledgeable individual, but I feel the general academic requirements are a waste of time, money and energy. Wasn't my well-roundedness accomplished during my four years of high school? High school gave me the foundation and basic knowledge of all subjects and I feel I am wise enough to decide now what path I would like to pursue and what classes I would like to master.

I will not raise my arms in protest nor start riots on Brown Mall. I will complain to my friends, though. I will struggle as I take courses in subjects that not only am I not interested in, but that I know I am weak in.

General academic requirements force Communications majors to take math, Biology majors to take philosophy and Dance majors to take history. I am not saying one should only take classes in their major or minor, we should have the choice to decide what classes we want to take. If I know that I lack both interest and knowledge in science and that there is no chance of me changing my major to science, why should I be put through the stress of killing myself to get a passing grade in the class just so I can feel "well-rounded?"

GPA is affected by all the courses I undertake. For some of us to maintain scholarships and heighten our chances of being accepted to a prestigious medical or graduate school, an impressive GPA is crucial. If I don't get a decent grade in a class that is required for me to take it, my GPA is influenced regardless. When my resume is considered in the future my classes will not be taken into account but rather my GPA. So why should classes that have no bearing on my future aspirations be forced upon me and included in such an important assessment of my college career?

In addition, as most college students know, books are very expensive. I am already paying a large sum of money to attend this college, and purchasing books for classes I have no interest in seems to be a waste of money to me. Time at college is very crucial, and when I, hypothetically a chemistry major, have to memorize formulas, theories, etc. I have no time to waste learning information I will never use again nor remember once I have finished the course. Since my interests do not lie in philosophy the work assigned for that class will take me longer to do because I am not well versed in that subject.

All of these factors -- time, money, and energy -- are reason enough for me to be unsatisfied with the academic requirements and make me bitter while I struggle to fulfill the requirements. Choosing classes is not a luxury but instead is necessary to keep happy students and ready to enter the world.

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Phish fans overcharged

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Florida.

After a two-year hiatus, Phish announced their return and is planning a New Year's Eve show, as well as three shows in their favorite venue, Hampton Coliseum. Being a dedicated fan that has attended many Phish shows over the years, I hate going to the Ebay website seeing people trying to pawn off their tickets for prices that are absolutely outrageous. Why should dedicated Phish fans that would

do anything to see their return show be denied tickets, while people who aren't actually fans try and make a pretty penny from them? The lottery system that Phish set up to sell tickets, for a reasonable price, was perfectly fair, despite many heartbroken fans that missed out on tickets.

The legendary band, The Grateful Dead, toured the world allowing people to record their shows for free and keeping the spirit of peace and love that was born in the

60's. Never in Jerry Garcia's wildest dreams could he have ever imagined the state of the music industry today. In MTV's driven music culture, bands seem to have more interest in their bank statement than their fans. Instead of allowing free trade, bands today sue MP3 programs such as Napster when fans try to download the music without buying it. What happened to the love of the fans? Jerry Garcia would be rolling in his grave.

Changes diversify College cuisine

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

This year, students will see changes in both the food and service in the General's Quarters (GQ) and the Garden Room.

In addition to now offering Kosher food in the GQ, there are several other exciting changes that Wood Dining Services is implementing such as theme nights and new recipes.

Students may have noticed the new frozen foods now offered in the GQ.

These foods are a selection of Kosher meals ordered from a local gourmet deli. According to General Manager John Pasquarello, Wood Dining decided to offer Kosher food when students began requesting it. The food comes double wrapped so students who follow a strict Kosher diet can prepare it the proper way. The

College has purchased a microwave in the GQ for this purpose. Because Kosher food is more expensive, most of the foods offered are more than one swipe.

However, Wood Dining has made four of the items available through the meal equivalency.

According to Pasquarello, "We are trying to meet the needs of those students on meal plans."

The Garden Room is also seeing some exciting changes this year. Pasquarello explained, "Over the summer we sent our managers to a two-day training class at Bucknell." This training, held for chefs from various colleges, taught College chefs new recipes as well as how to plan new activities. For instance, the "Lunch Box Special" the Garden Room hosted last week was an idea from this training. This theme dinner featured snack foods that many stu-

dents may remember from their childhoods, such as "dirt pie," pretzels, peanut butter and chex mix.

Wood Dining has some other theme dinners planned for the upcoming year. Last year, the Garden Room's "movie theme" was a huge success. In fact, that night, the Garden Room had its highest attendance for the year.

This year, they are considering a dinner with a "patriotic theme." And of course, the annual "Halloween Spooktacular Dinner" to be held on Oct. 31.

According to Pasquarello, meeting the needs of a diversified student body is "not difficult, but challenging." One way Wood Dining attempts to accommodate all students is simply by listening to their suggestions.

The napkins that students often write suggestions on and pin to the "suggestion board" are always read and considered.

Pasquarello commented, "An athlete made a request for ravioli the other day, and we decided to do it." Wood



In addition to other dining changes, students can now buy Kosher food products in the General's Quarters.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Dining also attempts to make regular trips into various dormitories to discuss meal ideas with students.

Last year, Wood brought pizzas to dorm lounges so that students could stop by to enjoy some food and discuss their ideas.

While it may be somewhat of a challenge to meet every student's ideal food needs and preferences, Pasquarello explained that the frequent communication between students and employees certainly makes

the task easier.

Pasquarello said, "It really helps to have student interaction."

He also commented that the positive atmosphere of the College's campus helps in bringing new ideas to the dining services as well.

"I've worked at several schools, and Muhlenberg by far has had the best environment to work in. The sharp and key individuals that work here really makes a big difference," commented Pasquarello.

Spirit day sets Homecoming tone

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Following women's soccer, the ten-member Homecoming Court was introduced and the audience was left to speculate who would be crowned King and Queen until the Homecoming football game on Saturday where Melissa Kubit and Seth Williams took the crowns.

After the Homecoming court introductions was a performance by the Perkulators. The spectators were dazzled by the group's magnificent routine and also enjoyed the mix of pop and techno music to which the Perkulators danced. Last but not least, the football team was presented to the crowd. As a practical joke, the upperclassmen

players as well as the coaches tricked the first-year teammates into wearing shirts and ties for the event, where formal dress was not required. The evening ended with a performance by the cheerleaders. Muhlenberg's athletics have put forth much effort to win this season, expressed by the pronounced enthusiasm at this year's Pep Rally.

Upcoming Chapel Events

Friday, Oct. 4	4:00 PM Games Day (ChapelHouse and Kern Field) Pizza Dinner (ChapelHouse) and Movie ("Signs")
Sunday, Oct. 6	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel 2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse 6:00 PM LSM Meeting at ChapelHouse 7:00 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Oct. 8	7:00 PM Worship Band in Chapel 9:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel 10:00 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Oct. 9	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

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War veteran tells his story to alumni, faculty and students

BY ALICE MCGRAIL
Weekly News Writer

Colonel Norman McDaniel came to speak to alumni veterans in Moyer Forum on Thursday. This event, presented by the Center for Ethics and the Office of Alumni Relations, was a part of a series of programs entitled "Boundaries of Home: Patriotism in a Global Era." The event started out with hors d'oeuvres and ended with a speech by McDaniel. Col. McDaniel was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for six-and-a-half years. He was awarded an Air Force Silver Star, a bronze star and a

purple heart, as well as numerous other recognitions. McDaniel left for Vietnam in 1965 and did not return until 1973, and most of that time his wife and family thought he was not alive. During ten of those months he was in isolation and solitary confinement. He spoke on how he was able to deal with his struggles by always keeping faith in God.

McDaniel described his vivid memories of his experiences in Vietnam, stressing that, "those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it." Col. McDaniel referred to his love of country, family, fellow prisoners and strong faith in God as

his four sources of strength at the time. Col. McDaniel had a lot to share about his experience, and said that he could talk for three or four days straight. He also wrote a book entitled *Yet Another Voice*. In terms of today's world, McDaniel said, "We're living in perilous times." He also stated, "It's not so much what you face in life, it's how you handle it." Jess Katz '05 reflected on the speech, commenting, "I came to this not expecting to hear anything that would relate to me, but what I learned surprised me, and will help me understand our nation and what it stands for."



Col. Norman McDaniel speaks about his experiences in the Vietnam War.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

My American Girls film offers thoughts on immigration

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

The College welcomed the subjects and director of the PBS documentary film *My American Girls: A Dominican Story* to discuss their experiences making the film last Tuesday, Sept. 24. The two-hour presentation included a viewing of

the documentary followed by a panel discussion in which the film subjects and director answered questions from the audience. The Center for Ethics sponsored the event as part of its theme, Patriotism in a Global Era.

The documentary tells the story of the Ortiz family, who emigrated from the Dominican Republic and

settled in Brooklyn, New York. The mother and father moved to the United States before having their three daughters, Monica, Aida and Myra. The film examines the differences between the two generations and among the three daughters. At the time of filming, which occurred in 2000, Monica was graduating from Columbia University, Aida was a junior in high school who was trying to earn some extra money with a job at McDonald's and Myra was more interested in having fun than with doing well in school. The film portrays how Sandra, the mother, and Bautista, the father, each worked two jobs to support their family and lived in a house with many extended family members.

Sandra, Monica, Aida, Myra and director Aaron Matthews spoke after the showing of the documentary.

Matthews explained that Sandra, who worked as a housekeeper for his family, was the inspiration for the film, but he realized that a film about Sandra had to include her daughters. He wanted to provide the public with a story of a Dominican family because Dominican Republic immigrants do not have their stories heard as much as other

Remembrance run brings back alumni

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"The walk was a great Homecoming weekend wrap-up," said McKee.

The event received a positive response from alumni of the College, faculty and students. There were approximately fifteen runners and many more walkers at the event. Welles Lobb, the College's assistant track and cross country coach, was the top finisher for the men and ran a time

of 20 minutes and 48 seconds. Tracie Rosenbaum was the top finisher for the women and ran a time of 24 minutes and nine seconds. The run/walk was also open to members of the Allentown community.

The alumni members lost in the tragedy of Sept. 11 and who were remembered at this event by the runners and walkers were Craig Lilore '94, Alan Merdinger '92, Philip Parker '69 and Davin Peterson '98.

immigrant groups. He said he was surprised at how successful his documentary became, commenting that a PBS special is significant.

The three girls explained the changes in their lives since the making of the documentary. Monica has moved to Los Angeles to pursue her acting career while doing research part time, Aida is sophomore at Fairleigh Dickinson University studying biology and Myra is a senior in high school. Monica explained that after seeing the film, she realized that she was becoming distant from her family and tried to make more of an effort to be closer to them.

Director Matthews told the audience that *My American Girls* was a collaborative film, and his job included getting input from the Ortiz family. Matthews shot about 100 hours of footage in total before reducing the documentary to one single hour. As he went through all the

footage, he said the film was constantly evolving as different themes emerged from what he saw, forming the final product.

Although Sandra and Bautista Ortiz are still in the process of building a house in the Dominican Republic with the money they earn in New York, Sandra said that they would probably live in the United States for half the year instead of permanently moving back there. Sandra expressed in the documentary how she would once again be leaving her family if she moves back to the Dominican Republic.

All members of the panel explained that the film has impacted individuals all over the country from a variety of backgrounds, which they said they find incredible.

Matthews said that he believed that almost everyone who watched the documentary saw at least a little bit of their own family in the Ortiz's experiences.

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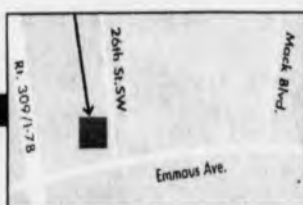
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Alumnus returns to campus to work in the Office of Development

By STACY LIPSHUTZ
Weekly News Writer

An alumnus has returned to the College to work with alumni families. David Haight '92 of northern New Jersey graduated from the College as a History major and with a secondary education certificate.

After graduation, Haight worked on campus for the Department of Campus Safety, doing bike patrol

and investigative work.

In 1995, he moved to the Catskills and took up a full-time job as the program coordinator for Environmental Education and Director of Frost Valley YMCA summer camp.

Now back on campus, Haight is serving as the senior associate director of the Muhlenberg Fund in Development and Alumni Relations.

Rounding up his second week back at the College,

Haight is learning about his new job and what he will be doing to help the Campus Community.

Primarily, Haight will be working with the annual Muhlenberg funding campaign.

As senior associate director, Haight gets the chance to interact with his fellow alumni and parent groups.

He will spend a significant amount of time on the road trying to "cultivate people to donate to Muhlenberg," says Haight.

Not only is he focusing on raising funds for the College, but Haight is also working to increase alumni participation through volunteering in the classroom and around campus.

Haight is balancing his new job at the College while continuing his education at New York University. He is working on gaining his masters in Non-profit and Public Administration. "I have one class during the week... and I drive back up on Saturdays," explained Haight.



Fresh into his office, David Haight, Assistant Director of Development, is new to his position at the College.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - A \$20 tryst in a Knights of Columbus parking lot in Allentown last week has brought down a second high-ranking city official. Newly hired police Inspector Paul Ruffolo, who angered the city police chief and Lehigh County district attorney with televised comments he made Thursday on the case of a city human resources director allegedly found with a prostitute, has resigned, effective today. On Thursday, city Human Resources Director Darryl M. Skrovanek resigned from his \$69,000-a-year job after police said they found him receiving oral sex from a prostitute in his car. Now Ruffolo, head of the city's detective bureau, leaves his \$76,000-a-year job. Police Chief Stephen L. Kuhn had added him to the department just six weeks ago. On WFMZ-TV Channel 69 Thursday night, Ruffolo spoke of a "transaction of money" and added that, after police "did in fact see them engage in a sex act," both defendants admitted what happened.

Allentown - The group of center city property owners seeking to abolish Allentown's Downtown Improvement District Authority gave poor marks to the agency's performance and said during a news conference Monday that they want the city to manage, market and maintain the business district. They voiced that opinion even though City Hall and members of City Council have often warned that disbanding the improvement district will also mean the abandonment of the public services the authority provides.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Few Showers	Heavy Rain	Partly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 61	High: 79 Low: 54	High: 73 Low: 51

Search firm visits campus

A.T. Kearney presidential search firm came to campus to speak with students about search

By JUSTIN BUCHBINDER
Weekly News Writer

In the mission for a new president, the Presidential Search Committee has hired the search firm A.T. Kearney to aid in the extensive process.

Shelly Storbeck of A.T. Kearney came to the Empire Theater to hear the questions and concerns of the student body as her firm began the first steps of the search this past Friday.

The concerns raised by students at the forum focused on the concept of a president who is willing to be as involved in the Campus Community as former president Arthur Taylor.

Students expressed a wish to see their president eating in the Garden Room and walking down Academic Row. Jay Dombi '03, Senior

Class President, said that he would like a president who is more supportive of Greek life on campus than Taylor.

Storbeck informed the students that when a college's president has recently vacated, the College Community usually wants a new President to be the complete opposite of the predecessor. She also explained that the Committee and firm have not decided on whether they are looking for a President with an academic or business background.

Storbeck also added that the search must be confidential because the absence of confidentiality may turn some candidates away and decrease the interested applicant pool.

Also present at the forum was Harvey Benenson, the head of the College's Search Committee. Benenson explained the Presidential

search process as a series of candidate interviews with the firm and the Committee. The search will also include numerous personal background checks and research on all of the interested candidates. He vocalized that the President must be someone with a history of being able to manage a complex organization. The president deals with multiple constituencies including the students, faculty, staff and community. He must also be able to market the College to increase the endowment.

The meeting was held on Friday morning and there was very little publicity, contributing to the small student attendance.

Benenson commented that there will be another student forum that will be publicized much earlier to allow many students to take part in the selection of their new President.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 23 - Harassment - A student-on-student harassment occurred in Prosser Hall. The incident is currently under investigation.

Sept. 24 - Injured Student - A student hurt his finger on the football field during an intramural football game.

Sept. 25 - Trespasser - A non-student was found trespassing at 2245 Liberty Street. The individual will be issued a letter of trespass.

Sept. 26 - Vehicle Violation - A student vehicle driving in the Seegers Union lot almost hit an M.W. Wood employee, causing a cart of glasses the employee was pushing to tip over.

Sept. 27 - Vandalism - A wood grain tabletop was torn off its steel legs in a

Walz Hall study lounge.

Sept. 27 - Suspicious Incident - A suspicious-looking man was seen walking on Allen Street.

Sept. 27 - Vandalism / Criminal Mischief - The plexiglass bulletin board under the East Hall arch was found partially burned.

Sept. 27 - Unauthorized Person - A student who was suspended and advised not to return to campus was located in the TKE fraternity. The individual was issued a letter of trespass.

Sept. 28 - Noise Complaint - A noise complaint was issued regarding 423 N. Leh Street. No citations were issued and the tenants were advised of the disruptive conduct policy.

Sept. 28 - Code Violation - A student was found using

a fake ID at a bar. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 28 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off in Benfer Hall due to smoke from grilling food outside of a suite.

Sept. 28 - Injured Student - A student received a laceration to the left knee during a rugby match on Kern Field. The student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

Sept. 28 - Solicitation - A solicitor attempted to sell pretzels at the Scotty Wood football stadium without a permit. The individual was issued a letter of trespass.

Sept. 28 - Alcohol Violation - Two high school recruits in Prosser Hall were found possessing alcohol.

Sept. 29 - Alcohol Violation - Two students

and two non-students were found in possession of alcohol. The non-students were issued letters of trespass and the students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 29 - Vandalism to Vehicle - The Campus Safety 2001 Tahoe vehicle was found with a large scratch. The car was parked in the Prosser Hall parking lot.

Sept. 29 - Missing Person Call - Campus Safety received a call from a police department in New Jersey regarding a missing student. The student was located later that evening after returning from a trip.

Sept. 29 - Criminal Mischief - A smashed window was found at the AEPI fraternity house.

Sept. 29 - Trespassing - A non-student was found

looking at pornography on a computer in the Trexler Library. The individual was issued a letter of trespass.

Sept. 29 - Recovered Property - A "No Parking" street sign belonging to the College was found in 423 N. 23rd Street.

Sept. 29 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off in Robertson Hall due to food in a microwave.

Sept. 29 - Injured Student - A student was kicked in the head in the Brown Dance Studio. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept. 29 - Sick Student - A Prosser Hall resident became ill and was transported to the hospital at 17th and Chew Streets.

Sept. 29 - Theft - A wallet was stolen from a bench in front of Moyer Hall.

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O'Brien visits campus

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Workers since the start of his involvement at Bethlehem Steel in 1969 and continuation into the 1980's in similar union organizations. "For the last 30 years of my life, I have been a servant of the people."

A pro-choice advocate, O'Brien explained that having sisters gives him a strong opinion. "Any decisions about her reproductive organs are [her choice]," he said. O'Brien expressed his interest in alternative energy sources to help the environment. "A good environment is not only good for the people, but also good for the economy," he said.

O'Brien continued his speech by addressing taxes. "A huge tax cut was given to the wealthiest ten percent of this country. We need pro-growth tax cuts that will promote job creation," O'Brien explained.

O'Brien's speech was primarily focused on trying to support the needs of the people in his district. "We need a congressman who is going to vote the issues and minds of his constituents."

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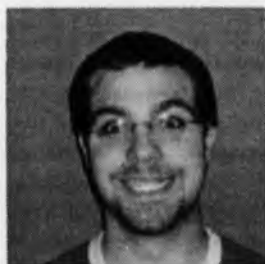
Life!**"There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day."****-Alexander Woolcott****Question of the Week:****What's the coolest thing in your dorm room?**

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-Jamie Rosenbaum '05

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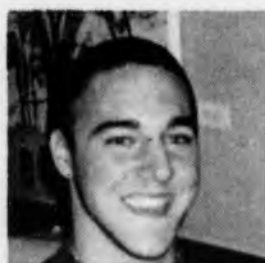


"My purple and blue rope lights."

-Danielle Bovelle '05

"My monkey."

-Nick Scarduzio '04



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Women of Valor: an enjoyable, soulful piece

The musicians of *Women of Valor* gather onstage to begin their intriguing show. The event was based on women of the Bible.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Saturday afternoon as the football team finished destroying Franklin and Marshall, Dr. Andrea Clearfield, Class of 1982, and friends were on stage across campus in the CA recital hall performing *Women of Valor*.

This event was originally intended to be the Music Department's annual alumni recital. Dr. Doug Ovens, head of the Music Department, contacted Dr. Clearfield to see if she was interested in performing. at the College. Dr. Clearfield told him about her piece, *Women of Valor*, and the potential performance seemed to be a great opportunity to bring in a multitude of groups on campus.

Enter Dr. Peter Pettit, the director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, which celebrates its 13th anniversary this year.

Women of Valor is based upon a midrash, a biblical commentary, of Proverbs 31. Dr. Pettit explained that "traditionally [the midrash is] sung on the Sabbath by the Jewish head of household to his wife to celebrate her as a woman of valor in

their home."

The entire *Eishes Chayil* (A Woman of Valor) as translated by Dr. Kathryn Hellerstein appears at the end of the piece: "A true valiant woman A dear one, there is no one dearer than you A golden soul A pleasure and a comfort A beloved woman A good mother Such a fine woman as she Brings into the house only harmony Life is a symphony."

Before the performance, Dr. Clearfield explained that by taking the different aspects of a woman of valor and thinking of them as archetypes, she was able to liken each archetype to the Biblical women of the piece: Sarah, Leah, Rachel, Jocheved, Miriam, Hannah, Jael, Michal, Ruth and Esther.

Musically, Dr. Clearfield used a Renaissance technique called *soggetto cavato dale vocali*: a theme is carved from the vowels of a phrase. Dr. Clearfield took the vowels of "Women of Valor" (o-e-o-a-o) and transferred them to the musical scale (do-re-do-fa-sol) creating a theme that is heard throughout the piece.

Women of Valor is not an authentic representation of any traditional prayer or

music. Among others, the piece is influenced by biblical instruments, Middle Eastern and Sephardic music and Israeli folk dance. Written for narration, piano, violin, percussion, soprano and mezzo-soprano, the piece was performed Saturday with three vocalists, all sopranos (two split the mezzo part). Portions of the hour-long oratorio have been broadcast nationally on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." "Ruth's Aria" was awarded First Prize at the American Jewish Music Festival in the Classics Category of the 2000 competition and "Jocheved" has been chosen to be part of the Episcopal Church Hymnal Supplement.

"Miriam," a particularly rousing, upbeat movement with a Mid-Eastern sound was very enjoyable, while the pain of giving up a child to save him as expressed in "Jocheved" made it especially stirring. "Leah" is also a very powerful piece.

The *Women of Valor* performed their innovative piece with much passion. Their enthusiasm for their art was much appreciated by audience members--students, visitors, and faculty alike.

Marc DeSouza gives a magical lecture

By STEPHEN HOPPE
Weekly Staff Writer

Many students had the pleasure of attending a lecture on the history of magic and magicians by award-winning magician Marc DeSouza. On Monday evening, Mr. DeSouza presented an informative and interesting lecture on the history of magic with supplementation provided by his own skill in classical magic. The lecture was punctuated with dazzling slight of hand tricks, representing some of the best routines ever performed in the history of magic.

Mr. DeSouza opened the discussion by demonstrating one of the oldest magic tricks: the cups and balls trick. The trick dates back to the Egyptians, whereby, small balls constantly appear and disappear under and above a series of cups or goblets. Mr. DeSouza's own skill as a magician was evident after the audience was dazzled by this first trick. After the demonstration, Mr. DeSouza contin-



Mr. DeSouza performs a card trick during his lecture.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

ued with an educated and thorough discussion of famous magicians, as well as the routines they have invented. Many such routines continue to be performed today. One amazing sequence involved an "invisible egg on an invisible shelf" which an audience member miraculously made appear in a small pouch. Mr. DeSouza's skill also shone through when he performed his own version of the metal ring through metal ring trick. The speed and panache that Mr.

DeSouza added to the routine were quite impressive.

The discussion concluded with a review of more recent magicians, many of whom are still living and performing today. The show was completed by Mr. DeSouza demonstrating the difference between magic and science; he filled a glass with water and suspended it upside-down with a piece of paper holding the water in the glass. He exclaimed, "this is physics," then removing the paper without losing the water, he announced, "this is magic." This was an impressive end to a delightful display and lecture on the history of magic.

Mr. DeSouza is the current Ethics chair of the Society of American Magicians, and has won numerous local, regional and national magical competitions, both in close-up and stage magic.

DeSouza visited as part of *The Theory and Art of Magic, Series II*, produced by Dr. Lawrence Haas of the philosophy department.

Alumni return for concert



Rob and Matt, alumni, returned as their act Karen's Crutch. Nate Pickowicz also performed at the Alumni Show.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Nate Pickowicz and Rob Harvey, both Class of 2002, returned to Muhlenberg last Friday night for the Alumni Show, which Nate joked he'd "been practicing for this one show all the time." Rob and Matt Koch form the band Karen's Crutch. The three-hour show was divided into four sets, each approximately forty-five minutes.

Nate is primarily a pianist but he is skilled on the guitar, which he played for a few of his songs including "You Will Always Have Me." As he returned to the piano, he explained that it was a comfortable instrument, that it felt like home. Nate is energetic during his show, yet he keeps the atmosphere casual and friendly. He speaks to the audience like friends who are hanging out, having a good time.

Nate's songs have a Billy Joel, Elton John style to them; he even covered John's "Your Song" in his show, and during sound check. If it's a Pickowicz

show, even the sound check is entertaining. He did most of the songs off of his album *True to You*, available "in the bookstore and Nate's backpack," as well as some new material he'd just written. Three or four weeks ago he pulled out of a creative slump that had lasted six to eight months. He had hit rock bottom musically and then he was suddenly able to write again. He wrote "Since You" about life after a break up and "A Better Man," a prayer of sorts that's a lot more spiritual than what he usually writes: "Nowadays you really need faith..." ["A Better Man" is about] being a better person in general.

Most of Nate's songs are personal reflections, but even when the lyrics are serious, the sound leans toward the upbeat. As he introduced "Words Unsaid," a song about communication, he cautioned that it was a little sappy, but joked, "If I wanted sap I'd suck on a tree."

After Nate's sets, Karen's Crutch took the stage. Rob

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WHAT'S HAPPENING????

Thursday 10/3
8-9pm Red Door **COMEDIAN** "SCOTT OVERLAND"

Friday 10/4
6:30pm Red Door **MOVIE** "MR DEEDS"

9:00pm Red Door **COMEDIAN** "TIMMY FINCH"

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6:30pm Red Door **MOVIE** "MR DEEDS"
Wednesday 10/9 NO MAC MEETING

Pete Correale returns to the Red Door again



Pete Correale's humor was right on target for a college audience.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

By JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writer

The Red Door was packed to the brim on Thursday, Sept. 26 as students excitedly awaited the return of comedian Pete Correale. Correale, who previously performed at the College as an opening act for Jim Breuer, did not disappoint his audience.

His hour-long act covered such material as the current crisis in the Roman Catholic Church to simple, everyday tasks like walking your dog in the middle of the city. Much of his material was derived from his usual stand-up routine because the students showed a huge response.

Normally, Correale said he "changes the act for colleges" in order to "use material they can relate to," like how expensive taxi

rides are in the city. However, the crowd reacted favorably to his usual material, such as stories of his life as a married man, so he simply went with what had worked for him in the past.

Correale thoroughly enjoyed his past experience at the College and was delighted to be invited back to perform by popular demand. He said he was glad everyone recognized that his teasing people in the crowd was not meant to be offensive, but was simply part of the show.

True to his comments, everyone seemed to really enjoy the performance. His comments were not too much above the heads of young college students, but right on target with their humor. He related to events and subjects that were a part of their lives.

In particular, Correale's ability to talk to audience members and use their remarks to make jokes was the best part of his act. His easy-going demeanor did not make him intimidating, but personable.

While Correale did tease some students, he was able to also make fun of himself, which made for a much more relaxed atmosphere and kept the show light.

Similar to his last performance at Muhlenberg, Correale made an extremely lasting impression on everyone and was a huge hit with all.



Dave Binder entertains yet again in the Red Door

BY LAUREN DEFILIPPO
Weekly Staff Writer

While at a Dave Binder concert, an audience member could close his or her eyes, and would think that such a famous folk performer such as James Taylor was singing. Dave Binder has been able to recreate some of the amazement that comes from James Taylor himself. Last Friday night, Dave Binder performed at the Red Door. Dave has been coming to Muhlenberg for many years, and has been thrilling college audiences for a long time now.

Binder is not just an average performer, however. He has a bachelor degree from the University Of Lowell School Of Music and received an honorary doctorate in musical philosophy from St. Lawrence University.

Dave Binder has become a tradition on the Muhlenberg campus, as well as on many other college campuses. He is well known around the College. In a way, he is a "regular."

Binder began his career in 1979 and tours college campuses exclusively, being a Campus Entertainer of the



Dave Binder recreated the soulful sounds of James Taylor in his Friday night show in the Seegers Union Lounge.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Year nominee for ten years.

The concert on Friday night was very entertaining; however, not many people showed up for the event. This may have been because it was scheduled for homecoming weekend, a big weekend for the College Community.

Dave made appealing music, including cover songs of artists such as

James Taylor and Woody Guthrie. Folk music lovers will definitely enjoy Dave's voice and style. He will probably be around for a while due to his popularity, visiting college campuses all over the United States. Whatever the case may be, Binder is sure to return to Campus and bring his soulful sounding voice with him.

Floats abound at parade

BY CHRIS CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

For everyone that was sober enough to make it out of their bed by 11 a.m. Saturday morning, they witnessed a pure display of Muhlenberg pride. It was homecoming time again.

The homecoming festivities for current students begins with the traditional parade and culminates with a home football game, this year played against Franklin and Marshall. Floats consisted of a vehicle to pull them, a flat bed that was ornately decorated to a theme and a group of people surrounding them. The usual entries donated their time and energies to a float, which included Greeks both male and female, cheerleading squad and other campus groups. The Muhlenberg Advocate tried their luck with a float for the first time this year.

Streams of brightly colored balloons and crepe paper in every possible orientation dominated Chew, 26th, 23rd and Liberty Streets with alumni and curious neighbors keeping anxious watch. The themes varied from Phi Kappa Tau's idea of a weekend hangout, which included ratty old couches and brown paper bagged beverages, while Delta Zeta chose a more 'studious' approach with a float celebrating academics. Phi Sigma Sigma buzzed around their simulated 'Muhlenberg garden.'

However, no college activity would be complete without being critiqued for every detail. Thus, a panel of judges, perched in front of the Center of the Arts, emerged with the unenviable task of picking the most stellar floats from a pack of very impressive competitors. Their decisions, which were announced at the football game's halftime, were Delta Zeta for the most original float, Alpha Chi Omega for the most spirited and The Advocate for best newcomer.

If this year you could not find the energy or the missing shoe from the night before to make your way over to the parade, there will always be next year or pictures available from a friend. The sleepless sacrifice would be worth the free candy and the chuckles that result from seeing classmates make a fool out of themselves, and it might add to your sense of school spirit as well.

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Cancer

Be aware of the dual forces pulling at you this week. You'll want to take part in social activities, but at the same time, you're going to have quite a bit of work to do.

Leo

To be at your best this week, try to stay among people.

Head for any crowded public place where you can mingle with lots of people.

Virgo

Your leadership skills are stronger than usual. Put yourself into situations where you can take a greater role.

Libra

Make up your mind! Don't spend too long making decisions this week. You could cause yourself some unnecessary grief.

Scorpio

Be careful in your judgment regarding the use of money. This week it is at below normal levels.

Sagittarius

This week you'll want to spend more time with someone you find special. The stage is set for you two.

Capricorn

Your health and physical

well being are in stronger focus now. Try to focus on eating healthy foods and getting enough rest for your body.

Aquarius

Romance is a much greater possibility for you this week! Your nonverbal signals are the key.

Pisces

Simplicity is your key to this week. That means you'll want to avoid situations that seem complex.

Alumni show rocks the stage

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and his friend Matt Koch went to high school and grade school together. They are guitarists, electric and acoustic. Rob lists Pearl Jam, Caroline's Spine, Alice in Chains and Counting Crows as influences. He noted that he's moving to a more electric sound; he's singing too hard for acoustic.

Despite technical difficulties--the lights flickered, ironically during "Dark Lives"--Karen's Crutch also put on a fabulous, funky show. Both Rob and Nate were happy to be back at the

'Berg. Nate was especially pleased to see all the friends whom he hadn't seen on his other return visits to campus. He made several shoutouts to the crowd.

Rob wanted to thank the college "for letting me do everything that they let me do." While Nate, Rob, and Matt are all employed, Rob cautioned the audience about making the most of their college experience. "I miss Muhlenberg. I think the whole front row agrees with me. The real world is much scarier than they could ever make you believe. Enjoy your years here."

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Women's soccer falls this week

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the ball for most of the game. Outshooting Johns Hopkins throughout the contest, the Mules knew it was only a matter of time before they scored. They had good shots on goal, but they simply were not going in. Dominating time of ball possession, and basically every aspect of the game, the Mules had nothing to show for it at the end regulation. After one scoreless overtime, the game was finally capped off with a Hopkins goal on a corner kick. Johns Hopkins Sophomore Kathleen Turley scored on a header set up by a corner kick in the second overtime of the game. The Blue Jays snapped Muhlenberg's fourteen-game centennial conference win-streak, but all was not lost.

The Mules produced a strong outing in a hostile environment with unfavorable field conditions.

Playing most of their games on grass, including those at home, the Mules were hindered by Hopkins artificial turf. "The ball travels a little faster, it bounces higher," admitted Levine, "but we still should have won the game. Our shots just weren't going in." The Mules are looking to the future however. With a 1-1 record in conference, they have the thick of their schedule remaining to regroup. On Wednesday they take on a strong Swarthmore team, who just defeated top-seeded Gettysburg, at home. Since Gettysburg suffered a loss, a win could vault the Mules right back to the top.

Scoreboard

Football

Sat. Sept. 28,
Mules vs. Franklin &
Marshall, 68-22.

Senior Alfredo Mercuri had the first touchdown. Some of the other many scorers were:
Junior Ben Phillips who had his first career goal.
Senior Chris Reed who had two field goals.



Women's Soccer

Sat. Sept. 28th,
Mules vs. Johns Hopkins,
0-1.

Cross Country

Tidewater Fall Classic

Sat. Sept. 28, Mules
women placed eighth.
Mules men placed
second.

Junior Diana Garetto in
14th and Freshman Karen
Mount in twenty-first.

Senior Will Elson came
in third and Freshmen Alex
Hotz came in eleventh.

Field Hockey

Sat. Sept. 28,
Mules vs. Franklin &
Marshall, 1-3.

Sophomore Kristen Bruschi made the lone goal for the Mules, assisted by Lauren Jacobs, who is CC's Player of the Week.

Men's Soccer

Sat. Sept. 28, Mules vs.
Gettysburg, 0-3.



Volleyball

Fri. Sept. 27, Mules vs.
Amherst, 1-3.

Freshmen Julie Lauro and
Senior Dana Ferrelli had 14
kills each.

Mules vs. Eastern
Connecticut State, 1-3.
Senior Maria Poluka had 12
digs.

Sat. Sept. 28, Mules vs.
Trinity, 3-1.

Freshman Julie Lauro had
17 kills.

Mules vs. Western
Connecticut State, 3-1.
Senior Meaghan Billie had
nineteen kills.

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Profile of a Mule: Josephine Fasolino

Fasolino's presence known in record books

BY MATT FLEISSIG
Weekly Sports Writer

Senior Josephine Fasolino started playing field hockey in seventh grade for her middle school in Mamaroneck, New York. Fasolino was originally a field player, but started to attempt the goalie position during her freshman year of high school because there was nobody else to play. Little did Fasolino at the time know that she would become one of the best field hockey goalies in Muhlenberg history.

Fasolino has been the starting goalie for the Mules since her sophomore year. She wears a large array of colorful jerseys, very similar to an ice hockey goalie to stop the other team from scoring by hopefully distracting them. Josephine is the commander of the Mules defense that has only let up twelve goals in nine games to give the Mules

a 7-2 record.

Josephine trains hard to stay in shape so she can be at the top of her game for the two 35-minute halves that are played. Besides the training with the rest of the team, Fasolino constantly tries to strengthen her legs so she can stay low and block any shot that comes her way. Fasolino becomes extremely focused for game time. She always takes a warm-up lap by herself around the field to get ready. If you see Fasolino walking under ladders, or bumping into black cats it will have no effect on her play because she does not believe in any superstitions. Obviously, this mindset has worked as she has saved over 435 shots, the most in Muhlenberg history. Fasolino is ranked in the CC for saves, shutouts, save percentage and goals against average. Fasolino has also recorded an impressive fourteen shutouts. The Mules next home game is Sat, Oct. 26 against Gettysburg.

Muhlenberg parts with F&M as the undefeated team

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Getz. "I made a good break on the ball and just managed to stay in bounds."

Getz's pick set-up Bernardo's record breaking 24-yard touchdown, a Chris Reed point-after and a 21-point Muhlenberg advantage. After a Reed boot to the F&M one yard line, and a nineteen-yard Jeff Giordano return, the Mules would regain possession off tailback Scott Stephen's first down fumble. Eight seconds later, Jones and Rob Sherman helped differentiate their lead to 28-points on a 20-yard touchdown play.

On their next possession, F&M would fumble the ball on their own fourteen. After a 27-yard field goal

attempt from Reed missed wide left, the score would remain 35-7 until linebacker Tony Briscella recovered a sack-induced Diplomat fumble, and scampered the remaining eleven yards that separated Muhlenberg from a 34-point lead.

Marred by another turnover, the next Diplomat first-and-ten witnessed an attempted Makson pass intercepted by linebacker Beau Sherry and returned to the F&M goal line. Successfully protecting their end zone, the Diplomats forced a 19-yard Reed field goal chip that gave his squad a 44-7 lead into the half. Following substitutions by Head Coach Mike Donnelly, the Mules continued to widen the scoring gap with 24 points while holding F&M to fifteen in the second half.

The Diplomats would end the day with a paltry 25 rushing yards off 33 attempts. Said senior defensive end Tyler Cathey, "I think we just took them seriously, which is not necessarily an easy thing to do considering we romped them in each of the last two years. Dickinson gave us a good scare last week, and we beat them handily the last two years, so I think that reminded us we have to bring it every game." Although muffed on the ground, F&M managed to accumulate 268 yards passing against the Mules. "They have a good quarterback who they protect well. With an offense like that, a little time will get you some good yardage," expressed Cathey. "Against Western Maryland, it's not going to be a matter of running up

yardage. It's going to be a game of field position."

Muhlenberg will square up against the Green Terror of Western Maryland Saturday away, who has earned five consecutive Centennial Conference crowns. "Even though we had 100 more total yards than them last year," continued Cathey, "they were able to capitalize on good position and the short field." Last season, Muhlenberg fell to the Terror in a 28-25 overtime loss.

Western Maryland totaled 125-yards rushing and 148 passing. Stated Getz, "It's hard to say how well prepare for them. They have a good all around team, and expect things like lining up four receivers and runs from the shotgun. We just have to be ready for everything."

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Appetizers.

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CC standings as of Oct. 1st

Football

- Junior Matt Bernardo is ranked first in rushing, first in scoring and first in all-purpose and is the CC's offensive Player of the Week.
- Senior Justin Jones is ranked second in pass efficiency and ranked tenth in scoring.
- Junior Kodi Shay is ranked fourth in receptions/game, second in receive yards/game, eighth in scoring and sixth all-purpose.
- Senior Alfredo Mercuri is ranked tenth in receive yards/game.
- Junior Dan Miller is ranked second in interceptions.
- Junior Thanasis Petrakis is ranked fourth in interceptions.
- Senior Chris Reed is ranked eighth in scoring.
- Senior Beau Sherry is ranked ninth in tackles.
- Sophomore Mike Mrkobrad ranked ninth all-purpose.
- Junior Joe Getz made CC's Honor Roll this past week.

Volleyball

- Senior Meaghan Billie is ranked ninth in kills per game and sixth in hitting percent.
- Freshmen Julie Lauro is ranked fourth in kills per game.
- Freshmen Emily Reardon is ranked second in set assists.

Field Hockey

- Sophomore Kristen Bruschi is ranked fourth in goals per game, fourth in points per game, fourth in goals, fourth in points, eleventh in assists per game and tenth in assists.
- Junior Lauren Jacobs is ranked eighth in assists per game and fifth in assists. She was also named CC's Player of the Week.
- Freshmen Alexa Sterbinsky is ranked twelfth in assists per game and eleventh in assists.
- Senior Holy Pico is ranked thirteenth in points.
- Senior Josephine Fasolino is ranked second in save percentage, fifth in goals against avg., third in saves and fourth in shutouts.

Women's Soccer

- Junior Dawn Iberer is ranked second in goals per game, third in points per game, second in goals and third in points.
- Senior Kim Laurino is ranked thirteenth in save percentage, twelfth in goals against avg. and seventh in saves.

Men's Soccer

- Sophomore Chris Davis is ranked thirteenth in save percentage and fourth in goals against average.

Men's soccer: Not a warm homecoming

BY BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

On Tuesday, the men's soccer team enjoyed a strong, emotional victory over Misericordia. Freshman Jose Ramirez broke a 0-0 tie in overtime when he scored on an assist from Senior Mike Hochkeppel in the 94th minute recorded his first career goal.

The goal was a result of a lot of offensive hard work from the entire team throughout the game. The Mules out shot Misericordia fourteen to four and it was only a matter of time before they finally put a shot in the net.

Sophomore goalie Chris Davis only had to save one shot to secure the win for the Mules as he recorded his eighth career shutout in fourteen starts. The victory marked the fourth time this season that the Mules have beaten their opponent 1-0 and is their sixth shutout on the year. The Mules still remain undefeated on the road this season. Unfortunately, the Mules did not enjoy the same success with their homecoming opponent, Gettysburg. The Bullets, ranked thirteenth in the NSCAA/Adidas National Rankings, came into the game undefeated but

also sat tied atop the Centennial Conference standings. Gettysburg out-shot and out-played the Mules in front of a large home crowd en route to their 3-0 victory.

Mike Bevilacqua scored three times in the first half for Gettysburg and the Mules were unable to recover from the deficit.

Although playing the Bullets, even in the second half, they could not come up with enough quality chances to put the ball in the net. After securing their three goal lead, Gettysburg locked down on defense and protected their end of the field.

The Mules' best scoring opportunity came from Freshman Adam Milberg when his shot from 30 yards out rocketed off the crossbar bringing a rise out of the homecoming crowd that anxiously awaited a Mules goal.

The Mules continue Centennial Conference play this week with a home match against Haverford on Wednesday and travel to Johns Hopkins on Saturday on the



Senior Mike Hochkeppel shoots the ball down field.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Home Games

Volleyball - Mules vs. Swarthmore and Johns Hopkins
Sat. Oct. 5 at 11:00 a.m.

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Women's soccer not up to their usual par

BY BOB PETERSON
Weekly Sports Writer

Going in to Saturday night's game against the women of Johns Hopkins, the Mules women's soccer team was coming off a high after defeating Delaware Valley 3-0. The lady Mules trounced their opponent on Wednesday. The women were bolstered by a strong play from Sophomore Rebecca Armstrong, who had two goals, and Junior Dawn Iberer, who scored her ninth goal of the season. Hoping to keep the momentum, the Lady Mules started the game against Hopkins very aggressively.

Knowing that Hopkins crowd would be in their face all night, the Mules wanted

to set the tone early. There were some altercations between the two teams as they challenged each other's toughness.

The Lady Mules were given a yellow card, but no more harm was done. "It was a very physical game," said Junior Courtney Levine. "We didn't want to get pushed around, so there was some contact."

Not only was the game physical, the Johns Hopkins fans crowded the sidelines from end line to end line. Often times, it was difficult for the players to see each other on throw-ins.

The raucous crowd did not seem to phase the Mules though, as they controlled

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Mules homecoming victory keeps their record unblemished

By CHRIS PRICE
Weekly Sports Writer

Amassing 68 homecoming game points against Franklin and Marshall, the football team registered their highest point total since 1921 en route to earning their second conference and fourth overall victory of the season. The unbeaten Mules trekked 416 yards from scrimmage over their opponents, furnishing the Diplomats with their first loss of the season.

Accountable for 153 of these yards, Junior running back Matt Bernardo scored three touchdowns, bringing his career total to 43, enough to surpass his former teammate of two years Joshua Carters' sum of 41. Bernardo's fourteen rushes for 117 yards was just under half of the Mules overall, 237 ground yards.

"On film we saw some holes in their defense," explained Senior offensive tackle John Blankenhagen. "We were able to run a good deal between the tackles and hit at some key points. From there Bernardo just did what he does best, and



The Mules don't let the Franklin and Marshall player past them.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

that's make people miss."

With 6:47 left in the first quarter, Muhlenberg drew first blood as they touchdown-capped an eleven play, 75-yard drive with a five-yard hookup from Justin Jones to wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri.

After the Mules recovered possession, Jones again threw for a touchdown this time to junior Kodi Shay on a 57-yard play. Franklin and Marshall quickly clawed back into the game on the next series, advancing 31-yards on seven plays. Quarterback Dave Makson connected for a 49-yard touchdown strike to receiver Justin Salton with 3:23 left in the first quarter. Just under six minutes later, the Mules sprung back on a Bernardo touchdown dash from 25-yards out, giving his team a 21-7 edge early in the second quarter.

Two drives later, cornerback Joe Getz stifled the Diplomats with a diving interception on their own 24-yard line. "It was man coverage and my man just ran an out," described

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Cross country goes all the way at Tidewater Fall Classic

By LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

This weekend, the Mules cross country team went to Salisbury College in Maryland for the Tidewater Fall Classic. Will Elson, one of the Mules key runners did not run for the Mules' since 2000 after he took a leave of absence from school. However, he was still able to keep the Mules on top at Salisbury. Elson placed third out of 181 runners to lead the Mules to a second place finish. Even after Elson's leave of absence he proved that he is still at the top of his game. Contributing to the team's second place finish were Freshman Alex Hotz who placed eleventh and Freshman Brian Cash who placed fourteenth. At the meet the men's team defeated the third place finisher by a mere point. The only team that defeated the Mules was Kutztown, finishing in first place. The Mules women had, some success at Salisbury as well. The Mules took eighth out of fifteen teams that raced. Junior Dana Garetto placed in the top half, placing fourteenth and Karen Mount also placed relatively close at twenty-first. The cross country team will be heading to Salisbury again for the NCAA Mideast Regional on Nov. 16.

Muhlenberg volleyball takes home the bronze at the Amherst classic

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Weekly Sports Writer

This homecoming weekend the volleyball team traveled to Amherst, Mass. The team won the Bronze Division of the Amherst Classic with wins over Trinity College and Western Connecticut on the second day of the tournament.

The Mules (10-12) lost to both Amherst (10-0) and Eastern Connecticut State in four close games each on Friday, the first day of the two-day tournament.

Freshman Julie Lauro recorded a team high of 67 kills for the weekend, with a game high of nineteen against Eastern Connecticut

State on Friday. Seniors Meaghan Billie and Dana Ferelli followed close behind, reaching approximately 55 kills each for the weekend. Billie also recorded over sixteen blocks for the weekend, a high of eight against Eastern Connecticut State.

Senior co-captain Maria Poluka recorded more than 60 digs for the weekend; a game high of 23 digs in the four game match against Amherst.

Senior Lisa Giammalvo chipped in with 31 digs and eleven blocks.

Freshmen setters Emily Reardon who had 87 assists for the weekend and Mary Henning who had 84 assists

for the weekend, both contributed to the first place finish on Saturday.

Senior defensive specialist Jennifer Leigh also contributed to the Mules wins. The Mules are ranked in the Centennial Conference. They are ranked fifth in hitting percentage, seventh in service aces, fifth in assists, tenth in digs and sixth in blocks.

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Students step out and eat in to help victims

BY JILLIAN FRANZEN
Weekly News Writer

Eight members of Students Advocating Gender Equality (S.A.G.E.) joined Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life and her dog Abbey, for Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence, a three-mile fundraising walk.

The Step Out walk, in addition to the second annual Pizza Perfecto sponsored by the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC), raised money for Turning Point, an agency dedicated to the cause of preventing domestic abuse and violence.

Between 100 and 150 participants from across the Lehigh Valley participated in the three-mile Step Out walk along Lehigh Parkway. The S.A.G.E. members along with Dean Wilson and Abbey placed second in donations, contributing a

total of \$1,405 to Turning Point.

Abbi Sharofsky '04 and Jessica Pavlics '03, two students from S.A.G.E. who participated in the Step Out walk, said they both felt the immense sense of support for women across the Lehigh Valley.

Sharofsky also valued the opportunity to better connect with Shiner Wilson and highly recommended the walk to students for next year.

Pizza Perfecta was another lucrative fundraiser for the benefit of Turning Point.

President of IFC Justin Hyde '03 was in charge of organizing the event, featuring a night of all-you-can-eat-pizza for \$5 in Miller Foyer.

Over 200 students participated, eating pizza donated by local pizzerias Parma Pizza, Papa John's, Dominos, Ye Old Tavern



Students join Dean Carol Shiner Wilson in a three mile walk to raise funds for Turning Point.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

and Bellissimo Restaurant, in addition to beverages donated by Wood Company.

The Pizza Perfecta event raised \$1200 in funds for Turning Point.

Turning Point counsels domestic abuse and violence victims, and works

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Students care for inner city kids

BY BEN VEGHTE
Weekly News Writer

Fifty students from the College boarded a bus at 7:45 a.m. to begin their long day of improving the quality of Philadelphia's public schools. Joining 12,000 zealous volunteers who congregated in Philadelphia, the students from the College took part in Philadelphia's annual Philadelphia Cares Day on Oct. 5.

After registration and organization at 8:30 a.m., volunteers spent over three-and-a-half hours on site at the urban schools and then returned to celebrate their



Mindy Katz '03 gets to know a young student while volunteering at his school.

PHOTO BY LESLEY KATZ

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Israeli visitors share thoughts and laughs

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

Three Israeli students brought their viewpoints on war, peace and activism to the College on Oct. 8. Tal Lesser, 23, and Sharon Tzvielli, 25, are from Ramat-Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv. Yishai Goldflam, 26, lives in Jerusalem. The three have been visiting colleges, universities and high schools in Pennsylvania and the Cleveland area as part of the Israel at Heart program.

Israel at Heart is a pilot program developed by Joey Law, a New York City businessman on the Hillel International Board of Governors who was frustrated with the portrayal of Israel in the media. As a result of the recent decline in the number of visitors to Israel, Law wanted to bring a piece of Israel to them. According to the organization's website, the so-called "young ambassadors" are well-educated students flu-

ent in English who have finished their military service. They are typically between the ages of 21 and 27.

Ilana Blumenthal '04, Head of Israeli activism and affairs on campus, had been searching for a program to bring to the College when she received information about Israel at Heart.

This program seemed real to her. "To actually have Israeli students here is so much more powerful than hearing a story second-hand," she said. "These students could relate to us and we could relate to them. This face-to-face interaction is one that can't be replaced."

She and Patti Mittleman, Director of Hillel, worked with the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia to make the necessary arrangements to bring Goldflam, Tzvielli and Lesser to the College.

While at the College, the three first enjoyed an informal dinner in the Garden Room, which Blumenthal

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Lack of dialogue on the Muhlenberg College campus

During the past few weeks the Muhlenberg College Hillel hosted three Israeli students who came to speak to students on issues relating to Middle Eastern politics, as well as current events. For campus organizations to provide this kind of opportunities to its students exemplifies the enthusiastic nature of the College, but also uncovers an underlying issue. It is obvious to any onlooker that the distribution of pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian sentiment is skewed in one direction. Hillel, being among the largest organizations on campus merely provides one side of the story. Any student can go read a newspaper or turn on the television to hear conflicting opinion but this is not the case on campus such as Muhlenberg.

Israeli students were brought to speak without a second thought but no plans have been made to do the same for their Palestinian counterparts.

For a school that prides itself on striving towards diversity, the steps being taken are very small indeed. In order to make the claim that a well-rounded liberal arts education is being offered to students, it remains imperative to explore all sides of an issue; and in this instance the College is failing to do so. Although the opinion of the opposing side may not be the most popular, at the very least it will engage the student body in intellectual discussion. To only converse about the side that the majority of students agree on provides a disservice to all involved.

The problem does not lie in the actual facts of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. The politics of the case have no bearing on the decision made by Hillel, although well meaning, to provide a one sided discussion. To understand one side does not promote the creation of educated individuals it merely promotes the naivety of a generation.

Segregation thrives in America's schools



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racial diversity and equality within America's schools. Although we no longer segregate our schools deliberately, segregation is still a significant problem with our education system. The economic divide between big city schools, which are mostly minority, and suburban schools, which are mostly white, creates de facto segregation between schools.

Since racial segregation is merely

a byproduct of the current economic divide in our school system, many people opine that racial segregation is a problem that does not have to be fixed. However, in a study done by Dr. Charles V. Willie, a professor at Harvard's graduate school of education for over 25 years as well as a highly published author, of schools in Charleston, S.C., he found that in black racially isolated schools, which are attended by fifty-two percent of all black students, only twenty-five percent of the students were scoring above the national norm in standardized tests. Whereby, in racially mixed schools, about a third of the students were scoring above the national norm, showing that racially mixed schools benefit minorities. On the other hand, in white racially isolated schools, which were attended by ten percent of whites, ninety percent of those students scored above the national norm. Willie's study showed that racially integrated schools helped everybody. Eighty-

five percent of whites were attending racially mixed schools and two thirds were scoring above the national norm, while only one third of blacks were achieving the same high scores. Bottom line, integrated schools helped blacks and didn't harm whites.

However, even more controversial than the problem of racial segregation within America's schools are the proposed solutions to the problem. It appears to be virtually impossible to choose a solution without stepping on someone's

toes. Proposals like busing and school district realignment take away from the capitalistic notion in society that families often work hard and save so that they can move to a different district to better themselves. Furthermore, extended bus rides and longer distances between school and home, impact education of children, often making it hard for after-school programs and sports participation. Other solutions like equalizing

Letter to the Editor: The legacy of Professor Ulrich

To the Editor:

Professor Ulrich was a graduate of Muhlenberg College. He recently married his lovely wife, and before he died, his daughter gave birth to his grandson. During our classes a time together, he would tell us so much about his family and their stories. Professor Ulrich really was an adoring husband and father, and he truly loved his family. As a professor, he was the one who everyone wished they could have had. I am lucky to have had Professor Ulrich as a teacher. This is my story about him.

From day one, Professor Ulrich

was the type of person who wanted to get to know his students on a personal level. He would tell us personal stories about himself that you might never know about any other professor. Professor Ulrich was a man that was never afraid of reality or truth. He knew us so well, that he could tell if something was just not right with one of us. He was one of those extraordinary professors that cared deeply about his students' well-being and personal improvement. Professor Ulrich would go out of his way to help a student, even if it meant that a student

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Registration woes

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

It seems unbelievable that it is already the end of October and both students and faculty are gearing up for the second semester. Being as the enthusiastic as I am, I recently logged on to the Muhlenberg website in order to look into what classes are available for the spring and when I would have the opportunity to register.

I scrolled through the course listings and was pleasantly surprised by what is being offered (a few class times conflict but in a small school

that is to be expected). Knowing how busy the next few weeks are going to be for me, as well as the rest of the student body I took the time and picked out a few courses that

How is it possible that I am unlucky enough to be stuck at the end of the last day for two years in a row?

interested me. Within the hour I had my entire schedule planned out with an alternate or two and that's when I realized I might as well crumple up the paper I had been writing on and throw it in the garbage. Students in

the Class of 2005 whose last names begin with the letters J-L register last on the last day available to sophomores, Nov. 18.

I suddenly got a flashback to last year at this very same time when I was informed that I being faced with the exact predicament. The system is supposed to be random, therefore offering equal opportunity to all those who need to choose classes but there has got to be a better way to do it. How is it possible that I am unlucky enough to be stuck at the end of the last day for two years in a row? Obviously

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Silly adult, beer is for everyone



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Drinking and driving. Two words that haven't gone together since the age of the chariot. No one can say it's a good thing and everyone wants it to stop. Despite the fact that everyone shares this unanimous philosophy, so far, the only real way that our country has been dealing with the problem is either by placing fines or by raising the drinking age.

Obviously, the former is a definite. It's been the way of dealing with crime for ages. But the latter, raising the drinking age, now that's something that I personally don't feel is working.

Just because you make the consumption of alcohol by minors illegal really doesn't mean that they're not going to do it. There are a lot of things that are illegal that still go on. I'm not saying that this law is as frivolous as jaywalking, but it might as well be.

Kids drink. Not just in college, but in high school as well. No matter what the "legal" drinking age is, this will stay the same. The raising of the drinking age is like when a teacher keeps an entire class after school because of one person. It's silly.

Instead of trying to save the children, what people really should be doing is trying to stop the drunk drivers. The process we have is not working, so it has got to become stronger. Perhaps even as far as if a cop catches you driving drunk, he takes your license, rips it up, takes you back home and your car is towed at your expense. And that would be that.

But think about the advantages of this. Stopping every drunk driver from driving again would actually help society. First, there's the obvious. It would stop drunk driving much more efficiently than all other laws. Second, since there would be fewer people driving, it would greatly increase public transportation, which would lead to fewer pollutants in the air and would be generally better for the environment. Third, it might

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Monopoly astrology

Evan Halperin and
Tim Russell
Weekly Columnists

Monopoly has been a centerpiece in American homes for decades. Families bond over this game, which teaches the fundamentals of capitalism in a physical way. The choosing of the piece is considered by some to be the most important element to the game. The piece is going to represent you, so you must choose wisely.

Many factors affect the choice of piece representation. Sometimes pieces are

just not in the box; nobody has ever played a game where all eleven pieces are present. There are always a few missing, and that is an unfortunate but real prob-

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lem; the things are too small and elusive.

The average American family has seven to nine pieces. The average dys-

functional family has three to five pieces and sometimes even have to make their own by using coins or something of that nature.

However, in an ideal world, one has the option of the eleven that are as follows: car, train, cowboy, hat, thimble, cannon, iron, battleship, wheelbarrow, dog and boot.

You can instantly learn about a person by the piece that they choose. The piece that you choose, for the next four to seven hours, symbolizes your character. Those

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The rise of anti-Semitism at Muhlenberg College

Michael Saratovsky
Weekly Guest Columnist

In 1979 my parents had left the former Soviet Union and immigrated to America. Their reason for leaving was so myself and my brother would not have to live through the religious persecution and anti-Semitism that entered their daily lives.

Anti-Semitism since Sept. 11 has been on the rise worldwide. Innocent Jews have been killed, synagogues have been fire-bombed, and Jewish students on other college campuses have been attacked both physically and verbally. The level of anti-

Semitism is once again reaching the level it was at after World War II.

Unfortunately, anti-Semitism's ugly face has surfaced in our own back yard. Last Friday a message was found in Seegers Union that had the words Hillel and Hitler

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on it with a Swastika in the middle. Signs promoting Hillel events have been torn down, while other signs are defaced with anti-Jewish and anti-Israel messages. These signals attest to the fact that anti-Semitism is alive at Muhlenberg College. Anti-Semitism, defined by

Webster's Dictionary is when there is dis-

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New thoughts on registration

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someone has to be last and no one expects that group of people to be happy about that situation but wouldn't it be of benefit to everyone to devise a method where no one would be left in the dust numerous times?

Maybe the answer is one as simple as rotating the groups, that way no one would call fairness into question. At this point it just seems to me that something needs to be done. Students who share my position are being continually shut out of classes that we should have equal opportunity to be taking. I know that this may not be the most popular position, but maybe the order of registration should take into account a student's GPA. It seems that those students with a higher grade point average take their classes as well as participation more seriously than those with

lower numbers. I am not saying that grades should be the one deciding factor but the classes that appear on a student's transcript hoping to go to graduate school can make a huge difference in their acceptance or rejection. Registering for classes is always a stressful time of the year but why not have students rewarded for their actions or at least subjecting to a logical system instead of pure randomization?

I have come to the conclusion that no matter how many alternate classes I put down I will inevitably end up in a course that serves me no purpose and that I have no interest in, just like last year. For now, there is no recourse but hopefully in the near future classes that I want to take will be available no because of the letter that begins my last name but because of the effort that I put into the classroom.

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Loss of a beloved Professor

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dent would hand in a paper a week late. He made it a point to understand each and every one of his students and made sure that we understood him as well. He was a unique teacher who stood out amongst his peers. Now, someone has to take his place, and I do not think the new teacher realizes how big those shoes are that she has to fill. In the future of Muhlenberg College, I do not believe that Professor Ulrich could ever be replaced.

I can clearly remember the first class I ever had with him, and I know there are others that also remember that day. During our first class of Introduction to Social Work, Professor Ulrich passed out raisins and we had to put them in our mouth, but not eat them. He told us to study the raisin with our mouth and tongue. We were to study its' shape, texture, taste, etc. We did this for about a half an hour and then we shared our thoughts about the raisin. Ever since then, I noticed that Professor Ulrich really noticed each and every little thing about a person, just as he taught us to notice every little thing about something as little as a raisin. Since then, I have taken at least one class with him each semester and this semester was my fourth. If you have never had Professor Ulrich as a teacher, then you will never really experience Muhlenberg College. Those of you who were fortunate enough to share a semester or more with him are

extremely lucky, and along with myself, can say that he was an incredible teacher. It is so sad that the College Community lost such an amazing person.

I wonder if Professor Ulrich's family realizes how much of an impact he had on people around him. I know for me, Professor Ulrich changed my life. He taught me that there was more to life than just right and wrong, but more importantly it is one's own opinion that really matters. My

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confidence towards my work as a student grew by being in his classes, and I would do anything to be able to thank him for that and to let him know how much he will be missed and the effect that he had on so many people.

Our Social Problems course had class with him the same day he passed away. In a way I feel that taught me a lesson to never miss the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you. Professor Ulrich made a difference and we will miss him dearly. I personally would like to thank him for the time he spent with us. Even though it was his job to teach us, it was obvious that he enjoyed being there. He made a huge impact on all of our lives and his presence will always be felt. I trust that he knew how much his students cared about him and we will always remember him. He will always hold a place in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

--Julie R. Plotkin
Class of 2004

Segregation: a problem still plaguing schools

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the finances of all state schools so that each school will receive an equal base amount of funding do not help integrate schools. The idea is based on the principle that if all schools receive the same amount of funding, then more types of people will live in the district and send their children to local schools. However, school districts are still given the option to raise additional funds to better their schools; therefore, wealthier school districts will still receive more funding than impoverished school districts because they have more financing.

The other proposed solution to segregation is

the implementation of vouchers and school choice. This solution also causes problems. This solution is based on the principle that if parents and children are allowed to choose what school

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to attend, public or private, and are given a voucher for their tax dollars, which would normally go to the local school district, to put towards their education at their selected school; then schools will be forced to compete and better them-

selves in order to stay open. However, if you take money away from a failing school district it will not be able to improve with fewer funds. Also, vouchers are very controversial because even with the extra money, many impoverished families will still not be able to send their children to the private schools of their choosing.

Finally, one of the fundamental purposes for education in America is to prepare future generations for the real world. However, the real world is made up of more than one race, more than one opinion, and more than one economic background. Something has to be done.

Speaking out against anti-Semitism on campus

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crimination against or hostilities to or prejudiced against Jews. My question is why does anti-Semitism exist at Muhlenberg College and what are you willing to do to stop it?

Two years ago I choose to attend Muhlenberg College for many of the same reasons that we are all here, but also because Muhlenberg had a thriving Jewish life. There was an active Jewish life, a fun Jewish life, and most importantly a safe environment to practice my religion any way I wanted to. I chose to write this article to challenge the Muhlenberg community to unequivocally renounce all types of discrimination.

and were proud of the atmosphere that Muhlenberg had provided. Within the Jewish professional world, Muhlenberg College has become known as a great place of learning with an active Jewish community that experienced little to no anti-Semitism. Since the rise of these anti-Semitic acts, attendance at Hillel events has declined. Students of all faiths should feel comfortable with their religious identity. Unfortunately, if the current trend continues, this may no longer be the case.

I chose to write this article to challenge the Muhlenberg community to unequivocally renounce all types of discrimination.

We cannot and must not continue to hide our heads in the sand and pretend that anti-Semitism and other acts of intolerance do not exist on campus. They do exist and will continue to grow until we, as a community decide to take action. The college administration has yet to issue a statement on these horrific acts. They should take a lead in making sure that such actions are prevented. More importantly, students must not remain silent. Speak up when you hear or see acts of discrimination. Religious intolerance has no place on this campus and together we must ensure that such voices will forever be silenced.

Upcoming Chapel Events

Friday, Oct. 25	7:00 PM Halloween w/Sixth Street Shelter
Sunday, Oct. 27	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel—Window Dedication 2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse 6:00 PM LSM at ChapelHouse 7:00 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Oct. 29	7:00 PM Worship Band in Chapel 9:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel 10:00 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Oct. 30	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

The ChapelHouse is located at 2206 Chew Street.
If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

Next week's discourse is:

CLASS REGISTRATION

Should we change the registration process to online or stay the same and keep standing in line?

Call Rachel at x5008 if you are interested in writing.

The importance of campus architecture

H. Matthew Meyers
Production Editor

Remember the first time you visited the Muhlenberg campus as a high school junior in search of your perfect school? There is a strong likelihood (if you were anything like me), that you had already visited countless colleges and were rather tired of dissecting the minute differences between them. Finding these disparities makes the decision of choosing a school an easier one.

This became clear over the past summer when I took a course in statistics at Arcadia University (formerly Beaver College) in Glenside, Pa. Both Arcadia and Muhlenberg are small (2000-3000 full and part-time students),

liberal arts colleges who have similar costs in tuition according to reports in the Princeton Review. Since they seem to be comparable in almost every other aspect it should follow logically that the similarities continue but that is not the case.

When I went to the Registrar's office at Arcadia to sign up for the course I couldn't help but notice that it looked much like my high school which was built in a 1950's motif. Upon registration for the course my first question was naturally where the class was to be held. I was unfamiliar with the campus and assumed that my answer would be "the one with the clock tower" (comparable to Haas) or "the brand new modern looking one" (just like Moyer). Instead, the response I got was seemed rather surprising, "It's outside and

to the left - the big ugly concrete building." (And that is just what it was, I might add.)

Though it may seem like no big deal, every campus has something that they are embarrassed of whether it be an unattractive building or a red metal piece of "art". Muhlenberg, however, has managed over the last 150 years to keep this campus rather up-to-date and aesthetically pleasing. Our academic buildings are clean, always painted and have all the modern amenities of a college built in 2002. It is not as if the College

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does not have older buildings, Brown and East in specific. They may not have been modernized to the degree of some of the academic buildings yet to most that have a charm that money can't buy.

These are many of the things that Muhlenberg College students take for granted everyday. Instead of looking at the comfort we live in for four years we prefer to say that a revamped student union and an expanded field house are necessary to stay competitive in the college market. Maybe we should be thankful for these luxuries.

Today Muhlenberg stands at crossroads, searching for an eleventh president of the College, someone who has the compassion and keen business sense to be successful as a leader in a time when many colleges are backed against the wall. Hopefully down the line when future students are looking at colleges they will be able to walk in the same buildings I have with the same freshly painted walls and appreciate them more so than the students walking down them today.

A lower drinking age could be useful

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spawn new forms of transportation. If people can't take their cars, then someone will have to devise another mode of transportation for them.

"But John, this will mean people buy fewer cars and that means that jobs will be lost since no one will be buying them anymore." To this, I say that there would no doubt be a lull in car production, but as

new generations come to life that know the restrictions, I feel that the problem will only last perhaps a generation or two.

Raising the drinking age will not stop drunk driving. In fact, a problem is that kids are hiding getting drunk and so have no one to stop them from driving. If they were allowed to go to bars, then at least the bartender can cut them off, or someone else could take their keys. By forcing people

under 21 to hide drinking, the law is actually contributing to the problem.

The only way to stop drunk driving is to literally stop it. Maybe there could be a three-strike policy, but quite frankly, even that is too much. Drunk driving should be blamed on the people that drive drunk and for that, they should have to give up, not just monetary possessions, but the privilege that comes with a car.

Monopoly pieces uncover personality

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who choose the wheelbarrow are usually hard workers who know the value of a monopoly dollar. The car is always a popular choice. I think that it is so popular because it is logical; if you were going to go from a hotel to a house in real life you would take a car.

Then there is the battleship, the piece that doesn't make sense. How do you drive a battle ship around on the street? I guess the battleship is a favorite because it is threatening. The other threatening piece is the cannon. Look out for people who choose the cannon, they are known to be loose cannons.

Then there is the ever-popular dog that walks around the

board for you. Dog lovers fall for that little puppy. Then there are those two mom pieces, the thimble and the iron. Sometimes guys will choose this piece, but they are usually very artsy. There is the cowboy who represents the old west and the idea of a rugged individual.

Additionally, there are the articles of clothing category: the boot and the hat. These two pieces are interesting; I just don't understand why someone would choose to

You can instantly learn about a person by the piece that they choose.

be an article of clothing. If there are a few pieces missing you may find yourself with a second rate piece like the hat or the boot. When you get stuck with a piece you don't want, it can throw your whole game off.

What's your favorite piece?

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DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK

Monday, October 28 - Friday, November 1, 2002

Monday, October 28

- **BUDDIE* Information Session: Mental Health** (from Unity House Clubhouse)
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Seegers Union (tables)
- **Dr. Sandy Weinberg's First-Year Seminar** will be presenting their inventions for people with disabilities
5:00-7:00 p.m., Seegers Union Lobby
- **Henry Holden** - A polio survivor who never let his physical disability stop him from excelling in life. He is an actor, athlete, stand-up comic and activist who possesses vivacity for life not found in most.
8:00 p.m., Moyer Forum - Reception immediately following.

Tuesday, October 29

- **BUDDIE* Information and Simulation Exercise: Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder**
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Seegers Union (tables)
- **FCT (Faculty Center for Teaching) Program, Assistive Technology Demonstration for Faculty** (C.A.R.T., C-Print, Kurzweil Reading Software, Read and Scan, etc.)
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., SU 108
- **Julie Stoffer - MTV show: The Real World, New Orleans**
9:00 p.m., Empie Theater, *Growing Up with Learning Differences* - Reception immediately following.

Wednesday, October 30

- **BUDDIE* Information and Simulation Exercise: Visual/Auditory Disabilities**
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Seegers Union (tables)
- **The Seeing Eye Dog Training Demonstrations** will be presenting their inventions for people with disabilities
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Parents Plaza (rain location Seegers Lobby)
- **"What is Blindness?" - Presentation by Lucas Franck**, Supervisor, Community Instructor for The Seeing Eye
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Seegers 108-109
- **Wheelchair Basketball Game:**
Game 1: Allentown Freewheelers vs. Scranton Allied Forces
Game 2: Wheelchair Teams vs. Muhlenberg Students
7:00 p.m., Field House in Life Sports Center
- **Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar at Muhlenberg, Barbara Gottschlak**, Executive Vice President, Seeds of Peace
Public Lecture, 7:30 p.m., Trumbower 130
Discuss Advocacy work for people with disabilities

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Thursday, October 31

- **BUDDIE* Information and Simulation Exercise: Physical/Orthopedic Disabilities**
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Seegers Union (tables)
- **Gerald Fierst - Ghost Stories with Sign Language Interpreter**
9:00 p.m., Red Door

Friday, November 1

- **Educating Grover** - A short, funny taped play produced by Muhlenberg College's Theatre Department and written by Tade Reen, '99
4:00-5:00 p.m., Recital Hall, with Talk Back with Tade Reen
- **Kathy Buckley - Nationally Renowned Stand-Up Comic** - Billed as "America's First Hearing Impaired Comedienne," Buckley is a four-time American Comedy Award Nominee as Best Stand-Up Female Comedienne. She uses personal experience to create humor and educate others.
7:30 p.m., Empie Theater, special opening performance by Muhlenberg's own, *The Girls Next Door*. Reception immediately following the show.

Philadelphia Cares Day brings students to inner city schools



Students from the College spent their day in Philadelphia to help improve inner city schools.

PHOTO BY LESLEY KATZ

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hard work with food and music at the Mann Music Center in Philadelphia.

EnAcT, the Education Society and Phi Mu were among the groups that com-

prised the 50 students from the College who partook in the day's activities. According to Mindy Katz '03, the main organizer of the group participating from the College, volunteers took part in a number of differ-

ent activities. "[It was an] absolutely fabulous event. There were 12,000 volunteers who participated in a broad range of clean-up activities, which ranged from creating a memorial garden commemorating [Sept. 11] to creating grassy areas for students to play on," said Katz.

Katz spent her past summer as an intern for the Philadelphia Cares program. She stated that besides having an impact on local schools, helping out with the event had an impact on her as well. "I was affected on a personal level more so on this project than others that I have been involved with in the past. It touched me to see the kids of the schools we were working on so excited about the improvements we were making," Katz said.

Philadelphia Cares Day is in its ninth year running.

"It gets bigger and bigger every year," Katz stated. "Our goal was to help 100 schools, but in the end, we were able to help 110."

Students from the College were willing to give up their Saturday for the volunteer project. When asked about how she was affected by the work that she had completed during the day, Valerie Lykes '05 said, "I should have been worrying about my four tests I had for the upcoming week... but at the time I felt that this was more important."

The College's student participation turned out to be higher than anticipated. Katz said, "the participation of Muhlenberg students surpassed what I had expected."

In terms of the College's participation in the future, Katz stated that because she is graduating this year, it is a personal goal of hers to keep participation up. "People who were involved

this year should spread the word so we have the chance to grow and expand our participation in the future," she explained.

Sponsors of the project established a goal of providing more than 48,000 hours of service to Philadelphia public schools. Participants from the College expressed much enthusiasm as a result of surpassing their goal of volunteering that day.

Katz credited the Education Department for the successful involvement of students. "The Education Department

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Valerie Lykes '05

funded the bus that without which we couldn't have gotten there," she said. "[It is] a great thing to see the Education Department getting involved with work in public schools."

Visiting professors complement full-time faculty at the College

By LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Staff Writer

The College has welcomed eight new visiting professors for the 2002-2003 academic year. Patricia Bracci, Visiting Lecturer of Italian, Harry Brown, Visiting Lecturer of English, Flor Buitrago, Visiting Lecturer of Spanish, Patricia Conrad, Visiting Lecturer of French, Thomas Gardner, Visiting Professor of Philosophy, David McGuire, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Susan Ross, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication and Kevin Tuttle, Visiting Lecturer of Art, have all joined the College's faculty this semester.

Bracci, a native Italian, moved to the United States in 1995 when her husband was offered a position in Nazareth.

She attended Istituto Tecnico Commerciale A. Genovesi in Italy where she received a degree as a Business Specialist in

Foreign Corresponding. At the College, Bracci teaches Elementary Italian I, Intermediate Italian I and Italian Conversation and Composition I.

In addition to her full schedule at the College, she is busy at home with her three daughters, a five-year-old and three-year-old twins.

Bracci enjoys her students' enthusiasm with her native language and commented, "Although I am a challenging instructor, I feel a personal reward from my student's success. I am very proud of my Italian heritage, and it is exciting for me to see an increasing number of American students taking an interest in my country, its people, language and culture."

Brown, Visiting Lecturer in English, joins the College faculty from Lehigh University. Brown received his B.A. in English from the University of Scranton and an M.A. in English from Lehigh University. At Lehigh, Brown taught American Literature and

Composition.

He is also currently a Ph.D. candidate at Lehigh, where his topic of study focuses on Native American Literature.

At the College, Brown will be teaching both American Writers and City, Frontier, and Empire in American Literature in the spring semester.

Buitrago, Visiting Lecturer of Spanish, arrives at Muhlenberg College from Moravian College. She received her M.A. in Spanish Literature from the University of Western Ontario in Canada and her B.A. in Spanish Language from the University of Guelph in Ontario.

Outside of teaching, Buitrago enjoys reading about politics and economic issues in international newspapers and magazines. Buitrago says her interest in language stems from the importance of communication. Buitrago commented, "When I arrived in Toronto, Canada, I experienced both

Computer viruses plague students

By BRIAN FARRELLY
Weekly News Writer

The College's Office of Information Technology (OIT) faces daily battles to fix students' computer problems.

According to Steve Meliniak of OIT's Student Help Desk, out of the close to twenty machines that OIT's technicians deal with each week, two main problems exist.

Due to the popularity of programs used to download mp3's such as Kazaa, Morpheus and WINMX, a plethora of viruses infiltrate the hard drives of many computers across campus.

Meliniak said that new viruses are developed everyday and stressed the importance of making sure computers are virus-free.

Several websites, including www.mcafee.com, www.nortonantivirus.com and www.pccillin.com, allow students to download the latest anti-virus program. Such sites provide students with the opportuni-

ty to clean the hard drives of possibly infected computers without charge.

The release of a new version of Windows also causes many problems in OIT. The new edition of Windows XP is currently sold with all new computers, forcing many students to shell out an extra two-hundred dollars for an add-on required in order to be connected to the College's network. The Windows edition of 2000, 1998 and 1995 all did not present this problem.

The two situations have been major reason for concern in the OIT. Although Meliniak said the technicians are not frustrated by the numerous computers they fix, he stressed that students can help the Office's cause by remembering to habitually update computers with the most recent anti-virus software.

If students cannot stop downloading music and movies, along with the occasional virus, they do have the ability to update virus software.

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Students speak to students

Israeli visitors speak their mind to students of the College

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described as "an extremely warm and welcoming environment for Jews and non-Jews. The fact that it was so informal let students really open up."

After dinner a relaxed conversation began by the fireplace in Seegers.

Lesser spoke first about her friend Shirley, who lost her parents and both sets of

Next, Goldflam told the story of his life as a soldier in the Israeli army. When the Natanya bombing occurred he had to leave immediately and report to base. He said it did not matter that he was in the middle of exams and papers and trying to get back together with his girlfriend; when the call came, he had to drop everything and go.

Goldflam also described his search for terrorists during the month he spent in the West Bank.

He was shocked to see reports on CNN that Israel had killed hundreds

of Palestinians and wondered where this happened, because while in the West Bank he saw the measures Israel took to save innocent lives. Goldflam said, "You fight the people who fight you."

Tzvielli was alone in California two years ago while her family was in Israel. Her seventeen-year-old brother would be forced to put on a soldier's uniform, and she said she knew she had to go home and be with her family.

She told listeners about a typical Israeli student's day - having to be aware who is getting on and off the bus and crossing through security checkpoints to get to campus regularly occur.

While shopping here at the Lehigh Valley Mall, she and Lesser found it unusual that there were no soldiers outside the stores. In Israel, if there is no guard, the shop is closed.

The young ambassadors wanted students to understand that they are victims. Goldflam felt people were missing "the Israeli perspective... We're also suffering, we're also victims [but] we want people to understand we try to lead a normal life."

Tzvielli agreed, saying often she is scared to leave home, but her friends remind her she has to go out as a matter of principle.

Lesser added that Israelis have a feeling of support from the U.S. government and citizens.

They feel very appreciative - "It warms our hearts to know that here you think about us there."

Lesser saw the goal of the Israel at Heart program as educating those who do not know rather than convincing those who disagree. "[We're] hoping to reach as many as we can."

The students speak to



Israeli students spoke with students of the College in Seegers Union College last week.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

both Jewish groups and non-Jewish groups.

Goldflam explained, "We're very happy to speak to anyone," even those who disagree with them.

They encouraged students to continue thinking about and supporting

Israel.

Goldflam urged students to check details and security measures and then come visit Israel. "I know it's frightening

and terrifying but it's my home... Coming to Israel is a life changing experience."

Among topics they covered were the suicide bombers, the idea of a separate Palestinian state compared to a united Israel, the

settlement issue, Ariel Sharon and Yassir Arafat.

They also discussed the poor quality of American coffee compared to Israeli coffee, the Tel Aviv nightlife and the heat in Tel Aviv in July.

"I know it's frightening and terrifying but it's my home. Five million people live there. Come. Coming to Israel is a life changing experience."

Yishai Goldflam

They remain optimistic and hope that someday the world will become similar to a utopia that will be, in the words of Goldflam, "everyone living and accepting others' different way of living."

Presidential Search firm visits campus

BY WENDY EICHLER
Asst. News Editor

In the ongoing process to find a new President of the College, students vocalized their opinions and questions regarding the Presidential Search at a Student Forum on Friday. Four panelists - Shelly Storbeck, managing director of A.T. Kearney Executive Search firm, Harvey Benenson, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, Abigail Thompson '03 and Student Body President Seth Williams '03 - listened to and answered student concerns. The Forum was the second meeting open to all students held this semester.

Benenson, the main speaker of the four, explained the search's ongoing schedule that culmi-

nates in the inauguration of a new President. Once the Presidential Search Committee makes its recommendation to the Board of Trustees, the Board will elect the President. The goal is to "name the new President in the spring," said Benenson, and the president will begin his or her term on July 1 to begin the academic year.

Currently in existence is a confidential, eleven-page document setting forth what the Committee is looking for in a candidate, including "eighteen different items on what the next President will have to do," according to Benenson. The list includes responsibilities concerning academic and management challenges, community and church relations, student life and resource development.



Members of the Presidential Search Committee convene with students to discuss the search process.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

A Presidential Search website will be set up by the end of October, listing a description of the requirements for the position of President, as well as a copy of a recently created adver-

tisement for the job. The advertisement will be seen in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, a "well-known publication in academic cir-

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Campus helps Turning Point

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with the court system, medical professionals and police officers in the community. The organization also provides shelter for victims in short-term housing and long-term transitional housing, enabling victims to live in better situations while they train to live on their own.

Both fundraisers helped bring awareness of domestic abuse and violence to the campus and illustrated a way different student groups can help make a difference.

Speaker raises thoughts on media changes in Sept. 11 aftermath

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Dr. Robert Jensen shared his perspective on how journalism operates and how activists can get their voices heard in the press in a lecture he gave at the College on Oct. 2. In his lecture, entitled "Imperial Journalism: The Failures of the U.S. News Media after 9/11," Jensen also

addressed the difficulties of finding a space for alternative views on controversial issues in mainstream media.

Jensen claimed that the media should be a critical and independent voice of the people that can hold power accountable for its actions, and that people of this democratic nation should play a meaningful, engaged role in society. He argues that citizens choose to be "willfully ignorant."

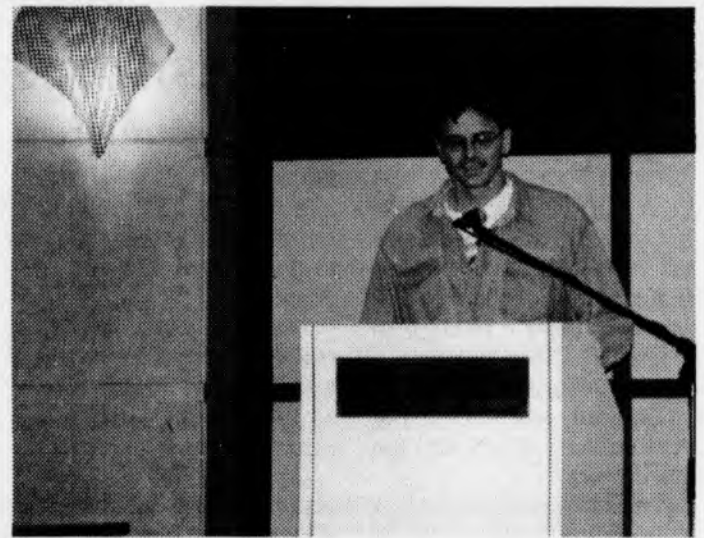
"The choice not to know carries a moral burden," said Jensen.

If a citizen lives in a meaningful society, Jensen said he believes that there are three things that a citizen should expect from the media: it should be an independent source of factual evidence for the public; it should present a political, historical, and social context so the public can insert and relate facts in order to understand the issues at hand and the media should cover the widest range of opinion available in the society.

"Political freedom in this country is real, and the public is still woefully ill-informed," said Jensen.

In Jensen's opinion, the American news media has failed to live up to desired expectations.

He cited evidence to support his idea that the viewpoints the media present are narrow and seem to represent the same basic interest with the same analysis on various topics. Supporting his argument, Jensen pointed to the foreign press and their ability to obtain a wide range of viewpoints for their reports in comparison to the American news media.



Dr. Robert Jensen speaks about media post-Sept. 11.

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown – For the second time in as many nights, U.S. Rep. Pat Toomey and Ed O'Brien on Monday clashed during a debate over Toomey's signing a limited-government pledge sponsored by a conservative group that wants to abolish Medicare. Toomey, a Republican seeking re-election to the 15th District, is fighting off a challenge from O'Brien, a Democrat. The two men faced off in a debate at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Conflict over Toomey's support from the Liberty Coalition provided the most heated exchange during the two-hour debate. O'Brien has charged that Toomey signed a pledge drawn up by the coalition, which O'Brien said has as one of its goals the abolition of Medicare, the federal health insurance program for seniors.

Bethlehem – More than 100 Northampton Area district students attended Monday night's school board meeting to voice their concerns about overcrowding in the high school. More than 40 of the students got up to speak about the need for a new high school. "We do not have space to offer courses other schools in the area do," said junior Brent Hawk. The students talked about everything from crowded hallways during class changes to lack of space in the cafeteria or library and the need for more restrooms. "It is time to stop pushing this decision off," senior Ashley Oswald said.

"The challenge to the public is to decide to do something unique – to take apart the empire from within," said Jensen.

Many students and faculty members attended the lecture and took part in the question and answer session that followed.

"[Jensen's] ethical perspective is one of the reasons I find him so engaging," said Jim Schneider, assistant professor of Communications. "He tries to address issues that affect all of us."

Jensen is an associate professor in the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of "Writing Dissent: Taking Radical Ideas from the Margins to the Mainstream," co-author

of "Pornography: The Production and Consumption of Inequality" and co-editor of "Freeing the First Amendment: Critical Perspectives on Freedom of Expression."

Jensen has devoted a great deal of his time as a working journalist and his commentaries and op-eds appear regularly in various newspapers, journals and websites throughout the nation.

He also remains an active participant in public debates concerning peace, justice and equality.

The lecture was sponsored by the Communication Department, Public Engagement Project and the Center for Ethics.

Search Committee comes to campus

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cles," according to Benenson, and two other publications, *Black Issues in Higher Education* and *Hispanic Network Magazine*. The Committee chose to place the advertisement in those three publications because it gives the Committee a "wide circle to draw applicants from," said Benenson.

Among students' questions were the issues of whether the applicant is required to have any specific advanced degree, and if the Search Committee favored a candidate from the business world or the academic sphere. Benenson described how although "an

advanced degree is preferred," more important than what degree a candidate holds is that the person have a passionate appreciation for the academic realm. As far as the new President being an academic or businessperson, Benenson said, "At the moment, we're open... we haven't ruled out anything." He reported that the Committee is hoping for nominations and applications from both sectors.

Christina Liciaga '05 inquired about the possibility of a female President. Benenson explained that no emphasis is placed on anything from gender to ethnicity, because the goal is to secure "the best qualified candidate we can get for the

College."

Tyler Holmberg '04 also expressed his wish for a more "open-minded" President and said that he wanted to see students apply the concepts they learn in the classroom to the greater world outside the College Community.

Benenson explained that the ideal President possesses many diverse traits including open-mindedness, and must especially excel in "managing the complexities of a College," highlighting the need to raise the endowment and to "repair any dissension that might exist on campus."

Many students expressed gratitude to the panel for giving all students a chance to present their views on a new President. "Although we don't make any final decisions, our voices are still heard," said Emily Kluger '04.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Steady Rain	Light Rain	Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 45	High: 57 Low: 39	High: 54 Low: 37

Classes run by visiting professors

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the cultural shock as well as the inability to communicate since I did not speak English at the time." She also sees much beauty in language. "By learning a second language, one can participate and enjoy the creations of others in the new culture."

Conrad, Visiting Lecturer of French, received her B.A. in French from Wittenberg University, her A.A. in Respiratory Therapy from Cuyahoga Community College, and her M.A.T. in French from Smith College. During the spring semester she will be teaching Elementary French II.

Gardner, Visiting Professor of Philosophy, received his B.A. from Roberts Wesleyan College,

his M.A. from the State University of New York, and his Ph.D. at Purdue University, where he also taught philosophy for five years.

Outside of teaching, Gardner and his wife enjoy hiking and mountain biking, and Gardner also plays roller hockey.

Gardner is currently teaching Critical Thinking and Being and Knowing at the College and will be teaching those same courses, along with Epistemology, next semester.

McGuire, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry, comes to the College from a consulting firm specializing in controversial environmental analyses.

McGuire received his B.S.

in Chemistry and Mathematics at St. Vincent College, and received his Ph.D. in Analytical and Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh.

He now acts as a post-doctoral fellow at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Ross, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication, joins the College from Hamilton College.

Ross received her B.A. in German and English from the University of Colorado, her M.A. in German Language and Literature from the University of Maryland, and her Ph.D. in Speech Communication from Pennsylvania State University.

Ross developed an interest for English out of her

enjoyment of language, writing and analyzing literature. Her interest in German developed also from these enjoyments, but also from her desire to learn a foreign language. She also had family in Germany, wanted to travel, and had a professor who inspired her with his love of German poetry.

In her leisure time, Ross enjoys swimming, yoga, reading, traveling, cooking, eating and visiting the adobe house that she and her husband own in

Magdalena, New Mexico.

Tuttle, Visiting Lecturer of Art, received his B.F.A. in painting at Kansas City Art Institute. At the University of North Carolina, Tuttle received his M.F.A. in Painting and Sculpture. Tuttle joins the College as a drawing instructor.

All new additions to the fall and spring semesters at the College this year, each visiting professor has become an active part in the campus's learning environment.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 1 - Possession of Stolen Property - Several Lehigh County signs were found in a MacGregor Village room.

Oct. 1 - Information - Bellissimo Restaurant reported to Campus Safety that its lion statue was missing and suspected that students had taken it.

Oct. 3 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A car parked in the Center for the Arts parking lot appeared as if an attempt was made to break into it but entry was not gained.

Oct. 3 - Assault - A student-on-student assault occurred off campus. Two students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 3 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A College Emergency Medical Service vehicle was hit in the rear bumper while parked in an unknown location.

Oct. 4 - False Reporting - Two students lied to the Judicial Process during a Judicial Board Hearing in the Haas College Center.

Oct. 4 - Theft - Several cans of soda, cds and books were stolen from the Health Center.

Oct. 4 - Theft - The key

to athletic offices in the Life Sports Center was stolen. The locks have been changed.

Oct. 5 - Fire Safety Violation - Several fire extinguisher tags that read, "Do not remove" were taken from fire extinguishers in Taylor Hall.

Oct. 6 - Alcohol Violation/Noise Complaint - Seven students were referred to the Judicial Process and seven non-students were given letters of trespass due to the complaint.

Oct. 6 - Controlled Substance - A pipe used to smoke marijuana was found in the AEPI house. One student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 6 - Fire Safety Violation - Several fire detectors were found covered in the AEPI house which violates the College Fire Codes.

Oct. 6 - Theft - Three Muhlenberg College flags were stolen from Chew Street and seven from the Front Drive.

Oct. 9 - Trespasser - A non-student viewed pornographic material on a computer in the Trexler Library. The individual was issued a

letter of trespass.

Oct. 9 - Possession of Stolen Property - A "Wet Floor" sign was found in a Walz Hall room.

Oct. 9 - Vandalism - A men's bathroom stall door in Martin Luther Hall was found pulled off its hinges.

Oct. 10 - Theft - A cellular phone was reported stolen from a car parked at 2339 Liberty Street.

Oct. 11 - Theft - A video camera, photo camera and laptop computer were stolen from a room in MacGregor Village. The incident is currently being investigated by Allentown Police Department.

Oct. 12 - Unauthorized Persons - One student and one non-student were found in the Delta Zeta house without permission. The student was referred to the Judicial Process and the non-student was issued a letter of trespass.

Oct. 13 - Burglary - Evidence of forced entry was found in several offices in the Life Sports Center. Cash and two cameras were reported missing.

Oct. 15 - Trespass - Four juveniles were found skateboarding along the Front

Drive. The individuals were issued letters of trespass.

Oct. 16 - Vandalism - Fifteen paintings hanging in the solar corridor of the Center for the Arts were found with bubble gum stuck to them. Graffiti was also found on several bathroom mirrors that said "Love UR body."

Oct. 17 - Report of Smoke - A report was made that smoke was found in the Black Box of the Trexler Pavilion.

Oct. 18 - Harassment by Communication - A professor received a postcard with a harassing message in the Ettinger building.

Oct. 18 - Theft of Sign - A "Visitor Parking Only" sign was taken from the Front Drive.

Oct. 18 - Five students were found in possession of false identification at Lupole's Bar off campus. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 19 - Alcohol Violation - Seven underage students were found in possession of alcohol in Walz Hall. The students referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 19 - Injured Visitor - A visitor slipped in

Trumbower. The individual refused medical treatment.

Oct. 19 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A vehicle belonging to Campus Safety was in an accident with another vehicle in an off campus location.

Oct. 19 - Disorderly Conduct - Three students on the fourth floor of Martin Luther Hall were referred to the Judicial Process due to disorderly conduct.

Oct. 20 - Injured Student - A student received an injury to the right knee on the football field. The student was transported to the hospital at Cedar Crest and I-78.

Oct. 20 - Harassment - A report of harassment was made between student and non-student residents in Tremont Apartments.

Oct. 20 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle drove over a parking block and became stuck in the MacGregor Village parking lot.

Oct. 21 - Criminal/Malicious Mischief - The card reader outside Prosser Hall was ripped off the building. Graffiti was also found on a wall on the first floor.

The Center for Ethics and Leadership and the Public Engagement Project invites you to a spoken word performance by Native American activist-artist

John Trudell

7:00 p.m., October 28

Lithgow Science Auditorium, Trumbower Hall



Whether as the leader of the American Indian Movement during the 1970s, as a recording artist whose 1986 release *AKA GRAFITTIMAN* was described by Bob Dylan as the "best album" of the year, as the author of *Stickman: Poems, Lyrics, Talks* or as an actor in films like *Thunderheart* or *Smoke Signals*, John Trudell has been a profound and eloquent voice for social justice, peace and environmental movements for over a quarter of a century.

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For more information please contact
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WOULD YOU FIGHT, KILL, AND DIE TO OVERTHROW SADDAM HUSSEIN IN IRAQ?

A letter to students:

We, the undersigned Muhlenberg College faculty and staff, urge you to ask yourself this question while critically considering George W. Bush's war policy.

Having asked ourselves this question and answered NO, we further urge you to oppose the Bush administration's decision to wage war against Iraq. A pre-emptive attack on Iraq would be a misguided and extremely dangerous step, one that would have destructive consequences for generations to come.

You do not have to be a friend of Saddam Hussein to believe that it is not the place of the United States to determine the destiny of other peoples and nations. For the United States to invade a country with which it is not at war for the express purpose of toppling its current leaders constitutes a clear violation of international law. Such an invasion will be viewed as an unjust act of arrogance by most nations around the world, including many of our closest allies.

War against Iraq will weaken the security of the United States. The likelihood of future terrorist attacks here will increase sharply with the invasion and occupation of Iraq. Osama bin Laden and other enemies of the United States will have a far easier time recruiting those who will seek revenge against the United States and who will endeavor to carry that fight to American soil.

War against Iraq will cost a tremendous amount of money, diverting billions upon billions of dollars from education, healthcare, fighting poverty and other pressing domestic concerns. An Iraq war will change the course of early 21st Century American society.

War against Iraq will cost lives. Many America soldiers will die in the attack and occupation of Iraq. And many, many Iraqi civilians will die as a result of the US military's use of "overwhelming force"-- primarily aerial bombing from such an altitude that it is impossible to hit only military or strategic targets.

We urge you to rise to this historical challenge and to resist the rush toward war. President Bush is using the death, tragedy, and sorrow of September 11, 2001 as a pretext for invading Iraq, a sovereign nation with no proven connection to those hateful attacks. With bin Laden and the leaders of al-Qaeda still at large, Israel and the Palestinian Authority in severe crisis, and American civil liberties effectively curtailed, President Bush should focus US efforts against the real threats to national security and not pursue an open-ended, ill-defined "war against terrorism."

Through the time-honored practices of representative government and free speech and protest, we urge you to say NO and STOP this war now, before it begins. Take action:

Call the White House: 202 456-1111

Call Senator Specter: 202 224-4251

Call Senator Santorum: 202 224-6324

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WEEKLY

Life!**"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."****- Helen Keller****Question of the Week:****What is your favorite Muhlenberg food?****"Soft pretzels."****-Mitch Keating '03****"The new fruit and cheese platter."****-Marie Ingrisano '03****"Garden Room prime rib."****-Jonathan Gray '05****"Ham, pea, pasta alfredo mix that Deborah makes in the Garden Room."****-Kyle Speck '05**

COMPILED BY JOANNA BZIK

Dance for a Cure sweeps students off their feet**The Dance for a Cure provided both a fun night for students and funds for breast cancer research. Over \$2500 was raised.**

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

Delicately laced with pink and white balloons and dimmed disco light reminiscent of high school proms and semi-formals of years past, the transformed Garden Room emerged as an energetic and ecstatic partying atmosphere for the Dance for a Cure. This past Saturday night, the Dance for a Cure semi-formal benefit drew a mob of people ready to dance, eat, socialize and let loose from midterms and exams. The campus-wide event collected between \$2500 and \$2600, \$1000 of which was collected at the door alone. All of these proceeds will be donated to organizations active in supporting cancer research and cancer survivors, as well as promoting cancer awareness.

The money from ticket sales will be generously donated to three organizations in the Lehigh Valley: the Women's 5K Classic, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the YMCA Encore Program. The donations allotted for The Women's 5K Classic, which supports women's cancer

groups, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be distributed to Lehigh Valley organization branches in order to promote the dance's theme of "Building a Community." The proceeds to be donated to the YMCA Encore Program will benefit support groups and systems for cancer survivors in the Lehigh Valley. Amanda Kokie '04, the dance's top organizer, says, "As members of the Lehigh Valley Community, we realize the need to give back to the community...and build our own community as well." The project's initial fund-raising goal was to raise \$1500, and the amount of money actually donated thus far has greatly exceeded this value. Kokie states that parents, students and other community organizations still show interest in contributing to the project, and donations will be accepted throughout this week.

In addition to creating an opportunity for students to deck themselves out in fancy dresses and shirts and ties, the dance and its promotion has raised extensive awareness on campus about cancer-related issues. While the volunteers who

helped to organize the dance sold tickets in Seegers Union for the past two weeks these volunteers also distributed detailed information in pamphlets and periodicals published by the American Cancer Society. Such information provided to Muhlenberg students has provided cancer survivor stories, definitions of ambiguous cancer-related jargon and commonly asked questions on a wide range of cancers. In addition to providing this information, the dance's organizers have also provided extremely vital information on self-breast exam guides. These guides promote breast cancer awareness and prevention techniques that are so important to college-age young women.

The campus response to the dance was stellar. Streamers, balloons and decorative holiday lights illuminated the Garden Room as a even mix of first-year students, sophomores, juniors and seniors steadily streamed onto the tightly packed and pulsating dance floor. The Greek organizations Delta Zeta, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Alpha Chi

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Picasso at the Lapin Agile creates intriguing interactions onstage

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

When the audience entered the Studio Theatre on Oct. 8th to see *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, many people were extremely excited. Audience members' hopes were high, and their minds were ready to be stimulated. An hour and a half later, most viewers left the theatre far from disappointed. Many seemed to be in shock about how brilliantly written and wonderfully performed *Picasso* appeared.

The play is set in Paris in 1904 and is based upon an idea that sounds much like the beginning of a joke: "Picasso and Einstein meet in a bar...." The interaction that ensued from the meeting of two great minds was intriguing.

The principal characters, Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein, were of two completely different and often clashing areas of art and science. This created an atmosphere where types of genius in all forms were zig-zagged across the stage. There were so many little pearls of wisdom spilling out of the mouths of the actors that it was almost hard to catch them all. A certain line in the play really grabs at the essence of what the play is about: "This is the night the earth fell quiet and listened to a conversation." The audience was held captive by the

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Picasso at the Lapin Agile

An original
Comedy
by
Steve
Martin



Picasso at the Lapin Agile was written by Steve Martin. It proved to be a thoughtful piece of theatre.

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hilarity, the insanity and the genius unfolding before them on the stage.

Steve Martin, the playwright responsible for *Picasso*, created several amazing characters, each

with their own distinct personalities and traits that were masterfully carried out by the actors in this production. The energy brought into the character of Picasso by Nick Thompson-

Miller '04 was mesmerizing as he emitted the intrigue and romance of a budding artist. His romantic encounters with Suzanne, played by Leah Goldstein '05, were electrifying. The pair yanked the audience into their sexual chemistry with their bickering and passionate kisses.

Jedediah Baker's '03 Einstein was just as enthralling. Baker portrayed Einstein's excitement about his ideas well, and his brief scene with love interest Countess played by Dana Iannuzzi '03 added spice to the character. The dating bartenders Freddy and Germaine, played by Matt Kelley '03 and Kelly Howe '03, respectively, threw in an interesting background dynamic to the Picasso/Einstein plot. The bartending couple, along with the rather simple interjections of the much older Gaston played with great humor by Eddie Honan '04, egged on the arguments and connections between Picasso and Einstein. Howe was wonderful at showing off Germaine's opinionated independence; and Kelley was equally good at portraying the mild-mannered wit of Freddy.

Picasso is also full of symbols and hidden themes. With the art dealer Sagot, played by Rebecca Eckard '03, Steve Martin reveals the theme that boundaries are what make things inter-

esting. Sagot's strong character forces the idea that the frame, by confining a painting, is what makes it better. The production's set designer, A. Nelson Ruger IV, failed to neglect this point by building a frame around the very elaborate set itself to create the visual of a boundary on the play.

The theme of the future throughout the play is very representative of the time in which the play is set. The dawn of a new century has the characters more interested in creating and inventing things and in trying to affect future society. Part of the connection between Einstein and Picasso is that they are each going to affect the world in their own ways with their creations.

The costumes of these two men reflected this connection to future generations. While everyone else besides Elvis, played by Chris Whyde '04, and the female admirer, played by Rebecca Martin '06, was wearing detailed and well-designed period costumes, Picasso and Einstein were wearing modern shoes with their period clothes. Picasso's Birkenstocks and Einstein's white sneakers seemed to say that these men were living in their time, but were linked to the future.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile was brilliant and a great night of very thoughtful and entertaining theatre.

Sig Ep hosts a campus-wide event: Comedian John Priest

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Asst. Life! Editor

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity hosted comedian John Priest last Saturday, October 19th. The show was open to the entire campus community.

Ben Jaffe '03, a Sig Ep brother and comedy chair of MAC, was responsible for bringing Priest to Muhlenberg's campus. Sigma Phi Epsilon agreed to host the comedian, and set up their dance floor for the show. The fraternity also provided snacks for the students attending. According to Executive Board member,

Mike Geller '04, "More students showed up than we had expected. It was a good turn out."

Unfortunately, according to many students attending the event, Priest's material was not in the best taste. According to Sig Ep brother Nick Scarduzio '04, "He had a lot of potential but didn't act on it. He bashed too much on the audience."

While the event certainly brought in a large crowd, many students simply didn't enjoy Priest's routine. Sig Ep brother Jamie Rogers '04 said, "It is a shame that the comedian turned out to be so horrible when this was a chance for Sig Ep to host a

campus-wide event."

This year, the fraternity plans on hosting several events open to the entire campus. "We are trying to break down the boundaries between Greeks and independents and hope to host more campus wide events in the future," quoted Geller.

Despite the lack of enthusiasm for the comedian, students still enjoyed the socializing. "While the comedian didn't turn out to be that great, at least we got a lot of students out for the even," commented Geller.

Since Priest drew in many 'Bergu students, Sig Ep hopes to welcome the entire campus to its future events.

Phi Mu Congratulates and Welcomes Our New Members

Ariel Birdoff
Meredith Feezer
Gretchen Gundelsberger
Keelin Hise
Sarah Risch
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Karen Trainer
Bri Weinberg

Thursday
10/24
9-11pm Red Dr
RYAN KAVALSKY



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Wednesday
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STUDENT CABARET SHOW

Friday, October 25
9-11pm
Miller Forum, Moyer

Dynamics
Philip LaPorta
Perkulators
Girls Next Door
Ryan Kavalsky
Amanda Scratchard
John Voigt
Soul Sound Steppers
Chris Whyde & Justin Brehm

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FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 25, 26 & 27



Friday, October 25		12:15-1pm	FACULTY DISCUSSIONS
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	ATTEND CLASSY'S Check with your professor if interested		"The Liberal Art of Magic" (100/100/110 - Student Union) by Professor Larry Hase
11am-6pm	REGISTRATION & CLASS OF 2003 AUCTION (Lobby, CA)		"Student Activism and the Public Engagement Project" (Shankweiler 109) by Professor Jack Garbino
4-6pm	FREE PHOTO BUITIONS (Lobby, Student Union)		"Anger, Hate, and Violence in America" (110/100/100) by Professor Mark Schillo
8pm	JEWISH SHABBAT SERVICE & CHEG (Meal House)	1pm	Football Game vs. Gettysburg (Sooty Wood Stadium)
8pm	"Into the Woods" (Baker Theatre)	1pm	Movie (Red Door, Student Union) "Scooby Doo" (rated PG-13)
	Check with the box office for availability	2pm	"Into the Woods" (Baker Theatre)
8pm	PIANO RECITAL featuring Kamel Oskio (Meal House)	3pm	Women's Soccer vs. Washington College (Varsity Field)
	Tickets available at the door		
8pm-Midnight	FREE PHOTO KEY RINGS (Lobby, Student Union)		
9-11pm	STUDENT CABARET SHOW (Miller Forum, Moyer)		
10:30pm-2:30am	RECORDING BOOTH (Lobby, Student Union)		
Midnight-3am	Late Night at the GG		
Saturday, October 26		4-4:45pm	FACULTY DISCUSSIONS
8 a.m. - Noon	REGISTRATION & CLASS OF 2003 AUCTION (Lobby, CA)		"Unique Challenges of Family Businesses" (Moyer 108) by Professor Sanford Weinberg
8:15-10:15 a.m.	Meet the Director - Tour The Stage (Baker Theatre) Meet Director "Brian Cordaro"		"Memory and Art" (Moyer 108) by Professor Scott Sherk
	Join The Global Community- Study Abroad (100/100/110) with Ms. Susan Haring & recent participants	4-6pm	FREE CHOCOLATE DIPPING FREE CARICATURES FREE ANTIQUE PHOTOS (Lobby, Student Union)
8:15-10:15 a.m.	Career Choices: Planning Ahead for Life After Muhlenberg with Ms. Lynda Garver Grossman, Ms. Maureen Walz & Ms. I. Nel Perreot	5pm	ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS (Chapel)
10:30-11:15 a.m.	"State of the College" Address (Baker Theatre) with President Sooty	5pm	Women's Field Hockey vs. Gettysburg (Sooty Wood Stadium)
11:30am-1:30pm	Family Weekend Luncheon (Field House) No charge for students on the meal plan, but you must show your student ID.	5pm	"Into the Woods" (Baker Theatre) (check with the box office for availability)
11:30am-12:15pm	FACULTY DISCUSSIONS	8pm-Midnight	FREE "WHAT'S IN A NAME" FREE "PHOTOS" (Lobby, Student Union)
	"Elections and the Polling Institute" (Moyer 108) by Professor Christopher Berich	8pm	"Interplay" Jazz Performance Free Concert (Emple Theatre, CA) by Professor Ted Conner & Students
	"Zombification in Italian Voodoo" (Moyer 109) by Professor Christopher Kovacs Demet	8:30-10pm	"THE HERDS" (Memorial Hall) Free Concert You can't help but have fun when you spend an evening with "The Herds"...a band that combines high energy rock 'n' roll with a stage show of pure talent & comedy.
	"Fighting for Character" (Moyer 104) by Professor Marjorie Hase	10:30pm- Midnight	"AN EVENING WITH GERSHWIN" (Miller Forum, Moyer Hall) Free Concert Free coffee & desserts in Mendham Gallery
		Midnight-3am	Late Night at the GG

DON'T FORGET CHOICE WEEK
OCTOBER 21-OCTOBER 26

Wednesday
10/30
7-10pm
Student Union
Lobby



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Disabilities Awareness Week

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE STUDENT SPONSORED

Monday, October 28 - Friday, November 1, 2002

"BUDDIE=Because You Don't Do It Everyday"

- Monday, October 28**
- BUDDIE Information Session: Mental Health (from Unity House Clubhouse)
11:00am-2:00pm: Seegers Union (Tables)
 - Dr. Sandy Weinberg's First-Year Seminar will be presenting their inventions for people with disabilities 5-7 pm, Seegers Union Lobby
 - Henry Helden - A polio survivor who never let his physical disability stop him from excelling in life.
He is an actor, athlete, stand-up comic and activist who possesses vivacity for life not found in most.
8:00pm: Moyer Forum
Reception immediately following
- Tuesday, October 29**
- BUDDIE Information and Simulation Exercise: Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder
11:00am-2:00pm: Seegers Union (Tables)
 - FCT (Faculty Center for Teaching) Program, Assistive Technology Demonstration for Faculty (C.A.R.T., C-Print, Kurzweil Reading Software, Read and Scan, etc.)
11:30am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-1:30pm: SU 108
 - Julie Steffer - MTV show: The Real World, New Orleans
9:00pm: Emple Theater Growing Up With Learning Differences
Reception immediately following

- Wednesday, October 30**
- BUDDIE Information and Simulation Exercise: Visual/Auditory Disabilities
11:00am-2:00pm: Seegers Union (Tables)
 - The Seeing Eye Guide Dog Training Demonstrations
11:30am-1:30pm: Parents Plaza (rain location-Seegers lobby)
 - "What is Blindness?"-Presentation by Lucas French, Supervisor, Community Instruction for The Seeing Eye
4:30pm-5:30pm: Seegers 108-109
 - Wheelchair Basketball Game:
Game 1: Allentown Freewheelers vs. Scranton Allied Forces
Game 2: Wheelchair Teams vs. Muhlenberg Students
7:00pm Field House in Life Sports Center
 - Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar at Muhlenberg, Barbara Gottschalk, Executive Vice President, Seeds of Peace
Public Lecture: 7:30pm, Room TBA
Discusses Advocacy work for people with disabilities
- Thursday, October 31**
- BUDDIE Information and Simulation Exercise: Physical/Orthopedic Disabilities
11:00am-2:00pm: Seegers Union (Tables)
 - Gerald Flax - Short Stories with Sign Language Interpreter
9:00pm: Red Door
- Friday, November 1**
- Educating Greer - a short, funny taped play produced by Muhlenberg College's Theatre Department and written by Tade Rean, '99
Recital Hall, 4-5 pm, with Talk Back with Tade Rean
 - Kathy Buckley - Nationally Renowned Stand-Up Comic. Billed as "America's First Hearing Impaired Comedienne," Buckley is a four-time American Comedy Award Nominee as Best Stand-Up Female Comedienne. She uses personal experience to create humor and educate others.
7:30pm: Emple Theater
Special opening performance by Muhlenberg's own, The Girls Next Door
Reception immediately following the show

KARAOKE

Friday, November 1
10pm - 2am
Red Door



Saturday 11/2

5-7pm Band SUL
"Audioheart"

9pm Game Show RD
"Think Fast"

10:30pm SU Lobby
"Butt's 1st"
name on shorts (100)

Wed 11/6
8-9pm
SU Lobby

Hilary
Bowman



MAC ELECTIONS
5pm Lithgow Auditorium

10/23 Nominations & Committee
Head Applications Available

10/30 Nominations & Committee
Head Applications Available

11/6 Elections & all Committee
Head Applications Due Today

11/13 New Board and Committee
Heads Introduced

11/20 LAST MAC MEETING & SOCIAL
HELD IN THE RED DOOR

The new board will run this
meeting!



Concert Choir brings melodious tunes to the Empie Theater



The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers performed a wide variety of songs in the Recital Hall. The Hall was packed for the concert; the audience was pleased with the performance.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

BY LAUREN DEFILIPPO
Weekly Staff Writer

The Muhlenberg Concert Choir performed their first show of the year on Sunday, Oct. 20th in the Empie Theater. The concert featured a variety of more than twenty songs from many composers including Henry Purcell, Johannes Brahms and George Gershwin. The Chamber Singers, a small and elite group of musicians, also performed a few songs during the concert.

The choir sang most of their songs with piano accompaniment; however, many were sung *a cappella*. There were two songs

that were accompanied also by flautists Molly Wilson '03 and Kim Wert '03.

The choir sang songs from *Frostiana*, musical arrangements of Robert Frost's poems. These pieces included "Something Like a Star." There was an incredible variety of sounds, including operas, French songs and gospel music. The voices blended together extremely well, creating a very captivating sound.

The Empie Theater was packed for this concert, seeing as it was the first, but the Choir will most certainly be performing many other shows throughout the school year. Even if this past Concert was missed, look out for the next choir concert in December for the Candlelight Carol Services.

Subs, Salads and Pizza: Ruffino's Serves Good Taste

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

When the Action Station's Friday pasta line stretches endlessly to what seems like halfway across campus rivaled only in length by the deli line, the prospect of obtaining one's favorite Friday GQ meal seems impossible. Yet a small, four-block adventure off-campus would render you at the front entrance of Ruffino's Brick Oven Pizza. For some left-over pocket change and a few dollars, you could enjoy your Friday meal with quality comparable to the more well-known chain restaurants like the Olive Garden and Carrabba's without delving too much into that precious bank account.

Ruffino's not only serves brick oven pizza ready to order, but also has an extensive menu for both the weekend splurgers and health-conscious eaters alike. If pizza is what you fancy, Ruffino's has long and detailed list of various pizza toppings and styles, including the very popular thin-crust pizza. Types of

pizza range from traditional pizzeria pizza with just sauce, extra cheese and pepperoni to the Americanized barbeque, hot and spicy buffalo wing pizza. The descriptions of the pizza toppings alone are appetizing.

Yet if pizza is not your preference, you can order a full savory meal, hoagie (or to those from New Jersey, a sub), or simply a salad or sandwich. One such popular full meal is the shrimp parmigiana, which comes with any type of pasta, sauce, and fresh bread. One hungry customer who ordered the meal commented that his dinner was absolutely delicious and extremely filling for just the right price.

Another hungry customer purchased a ten-inch meatball hoagie that was loaded to capacity with zesty sauce and meatballs, again at a reasonable cost. Also, for just under ten dollars, you can order a considerably sized salad complete with a variety of garnishes like juicy roasted peppers, cheese, onions, olives and grilled chicken. All such

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1492

A fateful year for many, 1492 marked the arrival of Christopher Columbus in North America, and with it the (re-)discovery by Europeans of this broad land filled with abundant natural resources. From the perspective of Christian Europe, it was a providential discovery, ripe with opportunity for Christian rulers, the church, and an emerging capitalist economy. For the native nations of the Americas, it marked the opening of an era far less beneficial and far more dangerous. For the Jews of Europe, 1492 was much less about discovery than about displacement, as Ferdinand and Isabella expelled the long-established Jewish community from Spain and confiscated much of its accumulated worldly goods. Many who left Spain ultimately found refuge in Poland, at least for a time. "In 1492, a lot more happened than you knew!"

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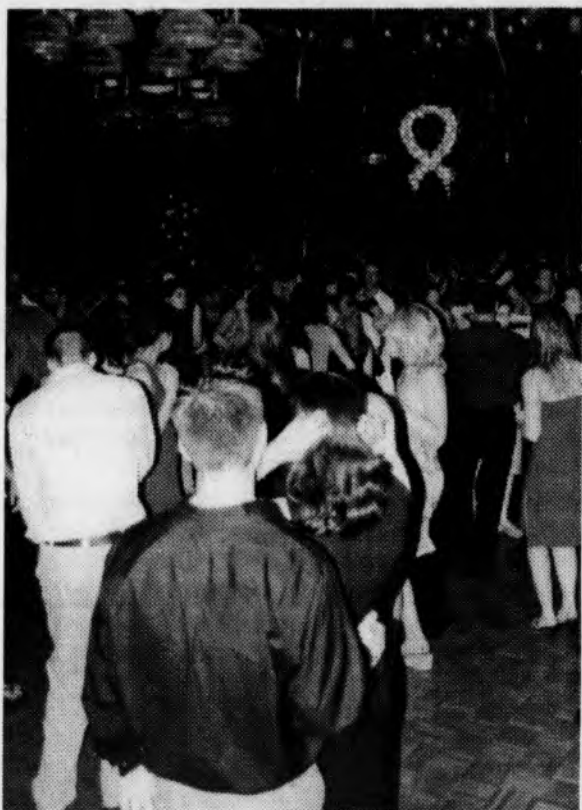
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Students party at the Dance for A Cure



Students were dancing up a storm in the Garden Room; the Garden Room itself was jazzed up with ribbon-shaped lights and a sea of white and pink balloons.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

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Omega attended the dance as an entire group. A variety of cookies, desserts and punch lined the back of the room for those couples or

singles in need of refreshment from dancing to the hip-hop, rap and pop music medley spun by DJ Scott Hamilton '04. The room was full of students, faculty, campus leaders and administration alike; the entire

community was interested in celebrating the contribution to the good cause of cancer support.

Among the major players in making the dance possible were Valerie Lane of the Community Service Office, Amanda Kokie '04, Sarina Ahuja '03, Lesley Bruno '04, Amanda Scratchard '04, Jessica Gluck '04, Diana Bharucha '03, Scott Hamilton '04, and Sarah Risch '04 who took pictures at the dance. This extremely efficient assembly universally publicized the event with great competency, allowing community organizations and even the College's housekeepers to donate door prizes and make contributions to the cancer benefit. Amanda Kokie feels that the overwhelmingly positive response to the Dance for a Cure "proves that the community is supportive," and the dance was "an amazing experience. I never would have imagined the quantity of people that came."

Due to the beneficent response from students, parents, faculty and supporters in Lehigh Valley communities, the Dance for a Cure will become a staple, annual event at the College.

Good food at Ruffino's: Casual dining at a good price

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meals are served in immense portions; and for the amount of food a customer receives, the price is incredibly affordable.

If in a restaurant it is the pleasant atmosphere you crave more so than the cuisine, then Ruffino's will be of comfort and satisfaction. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed; there is no need for dress-slacks and blouses for the ladies and suits and ties for the boys. It is a jeans-and-t-shirt type of place, and comfort clothes will be what you want to be wearing when you consume the large amounts of food presented to you.

Ruffino's is relatively quiet, lacking the annoying and banging so-called music that some restaurants like to play. The tables and sections are not overly clustered, and the restaurant itself is just big enough to be social and upbeat, yet small enough to be cozy and private in your own little booth or table.

If you can avoid a new server who has first-day-on-the-job jitters, the service is

accommodating and satisfactory. The "pay-yourself" gimmick is preferably employed, and waiting too long to get your credit card or change back doesn't seem to be a problem.

All in all, you may want to spend a nice Friday afternoon or night off-campus and you just might be sick of the generic Italian restaurant chains that are so prevalent not only in Allentown, but in your hometown as well. Therefore, you can quite easily take a half-second drive or a nice, sauntering walk to 19th Street and Allen Street to grab yourself a huge, satisfying meal with an extremely reasonable bill.

Ruffino's is conveniently placed very close to campus and directly across the street from the Bohemian coffee house Hava Java, a music store Positively 19th Street and the independent Allentown Civic Theatre. This makes dinner and theatre a very real possibility.

Ruffino's Brick Oven Pizza can serve as the savory dining experience for a potentially fun night "out-on-the-town" in Allentown.

COME LEARN ABOUT MUHLENBERG COLLEGE'S INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY IN COSTA RICA

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You will have an adventurous week. Do you feel like having an adventure? Well this week, you're more likely to have an adventure when you go on a short journey. No need to go very far, just someplace you've wanted to go before, yet never been. This week also holds a good opportunity to surprise a close friend with news or a small gift.

Taurus

You will feel that people around you disagree with some of your beliefs. Listen respectfully to their opinions. Then try explaining your position. This time in the semester is a great time for you to expose yourself to others' opinions and points of view. In listening to what other people have to say, you may find that your own opinions will change.

Gemini

This week your individuality will really shine. For the best weekend possible, try showing off the qualities that make you different, unique and special that could involve wearing your favorite clothes, sharing your hobbies and collections, or even telling others your most unique desires.

Cancer

This week you'll find that you may have many tasks to complete. Instead of focusing on one, take a little time for all of them. On one hand you'll want to take part in the frat scene more. At the same time, you'll need some time alone for schoolwork. Plan time with others this weekend as well.

Leo

To feel your best this weekend, spend more time socializing with others. Attending a party would fit the bill perfectly. You can also go to any crowded public place where you can mingle with lots of people like the mall or the movies. This weekend will be a great weekend to go to a popular restaurant or store.

Virgo

At this point in the semester, you feel your leadership skills are at their strongest. You should put yourself into situations where you can take a greater leadership role. You'll find you're especially effective when you get out in front and lead others by example.

Libra

Having a hard time making decisions about trivial things? Make up your mind! You are spending too long making decisions, and this wasting of time won't benefit you. In fact, it could cause you some unnecessary grief. You tend to over-analyze your options. The simple solution to this problem is to make decisions more quickly, especially on unimportant matters.

Scorpio

Are your funds running low? You may want to start staying away from the MAC machine. Your judgment regarding the use of money is diminishing. Try putting off any major purchases or investments. You'll also want to avoid advising others how to spend their money.

Sagittarius

This weekend make sure you spend more time with someone you find special. October is a good time for the stage is set for your relationships to improve and

mature. If possible, try planning something unique with that someone special. Don't let outside influences interrupt your time together.

Capricorn

Have you been neglecting going to the gym? This weekend is a great time to focus on bettering your health. To help achieve the best health results, try to focus mostly on eating healthy foods and on getting enough rest for your body to rebuild its natural defenses.

Aquarius

Love is in the air! This weekend romance is a much greater possibility than it has been before! What can you do to improve your chances? You needn't say a word. That's because your nonverbal signals are the key to improving your chances of making a love connection. When meeting people today, let your eyes and smile express your true intentions.

Pisces

Simplicity is your key to having the most successful and satisfying week. That means you'll want to avoid situations that seem overly complex. Instead choose to do things in the simplest manner possible. This weekend is also a great time to focus your time on favorite places, activities and people.

Movies

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Fri. 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
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Formula 51

Thurs. 5:30, 7:50
Fri. 9:30
Sat. 9:30

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Thurs. 5:10,
Fri. 4:10, 7:10
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Red Dragon

Thurs. 5:00, 7:30
Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Ring

Thurs. 5:20, 8:00
Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
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Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Sweet Home Alabama

Thurs. 5:40, 8:00
Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Transporter

Thurs. 5:20, 7:40
Fri. 9:20
Sat. 9:20

Tuck Everlasting

Thurs. 5:30, 7:40
Fri. 4:00, 7:00
Sat. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

White Oleander

Thurs. 7:30

Ghost Ship

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
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VS.	1168 yds passing- Chris Rix	VS.	1406 yds. passing- Ken Dorsey	VS.	VS.	VS.
Alabama 5-2	822 yds. rushing- Greg Jones	Penn State 5-2	735 yds. rushing- Willis McGahee	Iowa St. 6-2	Colorado	USC 5-2
Tennessee:	464 receiving- Anguan Boldin		325 yds. receiving- Andre Johnson	U. Texas:	Oklahoma:	Oregon:
1361 yds passing- Casey Clausen	VS.	Ohio State:	VS.	1501 yds. passing- Chris Simms	1313 yds. passing- Nate Hybl	1614 yds. passing- Jason Fife
340 yds rushing- Jabari Davis	N.D. 7-0	1275 yds. passing- Craig Krenzel	West VA. 5-2	735 yds rushing- Cedric Benson	822 yds. rushing- Quentin Griffin	936 yds. rushing- Onterio Smith
443 yds receiving- Kelley Wash	771 yds passing- Carlyle Holiday	980 yds. rushing- Maurice Claret	896 yds. passing- Marshall Rasheed	353 yds. receiving- Roy Williams	304 yds. receiving- Will Peoples	504 yds. receiving- Samie Parker
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Field hockey fried by the Red Devils

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

Over the fall break, the women's field hockey team dropped a 1-2 decision against McDaniel on their trip to Maryland. Sophomore Kristen Bruschi made the only goal of the game with an assist by Junior Lauren Jacobs.

Senior Josephine Fasolino made nine saves that game. The McDaniel women had just a little more over the Mules this game. In the minds of the Mules, however, the game did not put the Centennial Conference playoffs out of reach.

This past Saturday, the field hockey women showed us what they have been all season. They got themselves back on track and are back into the swing of things with a 2-0 win over Dickinson this weekend, bettering their record to 10-4.

"Dickinson was a great victory for us, and an important one in our hunt to make the playoffs. We are playing very well as a team unit, communicating, supporting each other on the field and being up and ready for the competition," said Coach Stuckel.

The Mules have surpassed their record from last year, moving their hopes of the playoffs not too far from their reach.

The Mules break even on their Centennial Conference record, 2-2. Muhlenberg only

allowed five shots, none on goal, to improve their winning record up to ten. This is the ninth time in school history that the Mules were able to reach double digits in winnings. The last time they accomplished this was in 1999.

Sophomore Kristen Bruschi led the Mules once again. With 29:18 left in the first half, Bruschi scored off an assist by freshman Alexis Sterbinsky to put the Mules ahead in the first half. The Red Devil's were able to contain the Mules for the rest of the first half. The Mules came out strong in the second half as the Red Devils were no longer able to contain them.

The Mules kept themselves on top adding another goal. Freshman Adrienne Verbich who notched her first career goal at Muhlenberg, took an assist by senior captain Holly Pico to secure the Mules' win of the Red Devils.

Senior Kristen Best held the backfield together while senior Josephine Fasolino stayed fresh in goal with no shots by the Red Devils. Coach Stuckel stated, "Our defense played incredibly strong that our goalie didn't need to make one save. We also scored twice on a very tough Dickinson goalie. The team knows we have to take it game by game and perform at our top level."

Winswell wheels well

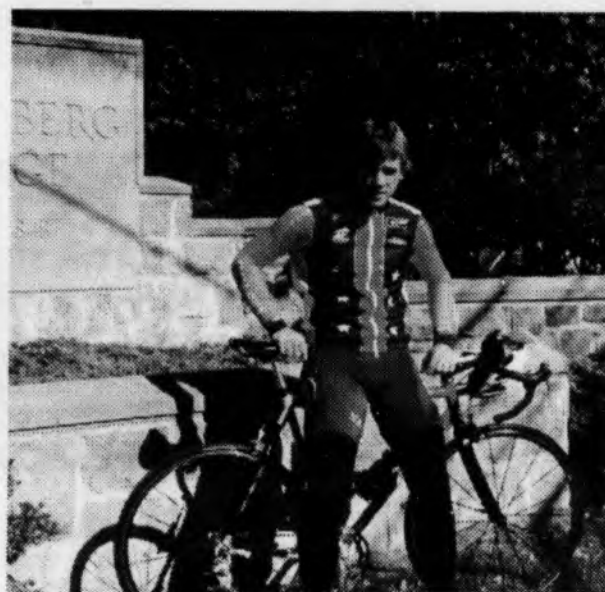
BY MATT FLEISSIG
Weekly Sports Writer

When walking on academic row between classes, one never knows the hidden talents the people they pass may possess. Among these mystery students lies one of the best athletes at Muhlenberg, although he does not participate in any varsity sport.

He is David Winswell, a nationally ranked cyclist,

45-50 mph is an effective way that he learns to bike at high speeds. He claims that the fastest he has ever traveled on his road bike is over 55 mph.

Winswell does the majority of his racing on oval tracks like the Velodrome in Trexlertown. His best event is the Kilometer Trial Run, in which one starts from a standstill and sprints a kilometer. The event usually lasts a little over a minute, and riders usually average



Freshman David Winswell poses with his other half.

PHOTO BY: ABBI SHAROFKY

and he is only a freshman.

David was introduced to cycling by his father who was one of the top amateur cyclists in the 1960's and 70's. At the age of five, David's training wheels came off and became involved in mountain biking. When David turned ten, his father bought him his first road bike and David began to excel. David does his most serious training in the spring. Up to six hours of his day are spent training in various ways.

Motor pacing, David says, is riding about two inches behind the back wheel of a motorcycle going

40+ mph.

David is currently ranked second in the nation for riders aging twenty-three and under, and fifth in the nation for professional racers in the Kilometer Trial Run. The bike he uses weighs about 16 pounds and would run the average consumer around \$6,000.

David claims that cycling is not a hard sport to get into and it is something that you can enjoy for the rest of your life. Once David becomes settled into the 'Berg, he plans on starting a cycling club and maybe getting more people involved in his sport.

Scoreboard

Cross Country

Sat. Oct. 19, Mules

at DeSales Invitational

Junior Rob

Unizskiewicz placed

second and Freshman

Karen Mount placed

twenty-fourth.



Football

Sat. Oct. 19, Mules

vs. Johns Hopkins,

23-10.

The Mules entire defensive unit was named Player of the Week by the CC.



Field Hockey

Sat. Oct. 19, Mules

vs. Dickinson, 2-0.

Freshman Adrienne

Verbich made her first

career goal.

Women's Soccer

Sat. Oct. 19, Mules

vs. Gettysburg, 2-0.

Sophomore Katie

Macomber and Junior

Dawn Iberer each had

one goal.



Men's Soccer

Fri. Oct. 18, Mules

vs. McDaniel, 4-0.

Sophomore Tim

Sparta made two goals

in this game.



Volleyball

Sat. Oct. 19, Mules

vs. Gettysburg, 0-3.

Mules vs.

Washington, 3-0.

Senior Lisa

Giammalvo was the 6th

in team history to reach

1,000 digs.

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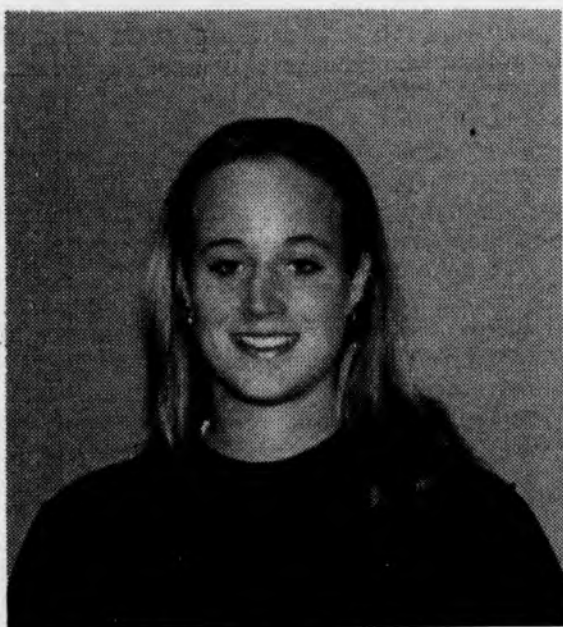
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Profile of a Mule: the Dawn of Lady Mules soccer

By CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

As she netted the game-sealing goal Saturday against then fourth ranked Gettysburg, soccer player Dawn Iberer climbed one notch closer to the top of the Muhlenberg recordbooks. The junior forwards' 43rd career goal leaves her one short of the Muhlenberg record, and tied for fifth in career Centennial Conference goals. Currently, her squad is situated second in the conference, where she leads in average goals per game, with .93, and is second in average points per game, with 1.93. Iberer was also named Centennial Conference Player of the Week earlier in this season. A resident to Andover N.J., Sussex County, Dawn started playing soccer when she was five years old. Her whole life she played the forward position, until she got to high school, where she broke in as a freshman halfback on the varsity team. After her freshman year, Dawn returned to



Junior Dawn Iberer is perhaps one of the best soccer players Muhlenberg has seen.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

the forward position, where she continued throughout high school and still plays today.

"Soccer's always been something I loved to do," Iberer explained. "When I step on the field it's like my release, I forget about school and class and anything else that might be troubling me." Dawn earned varsity letters for her participation and aiding in the wins of the 2000 and 2001 Centennial Conference women's soccer championships. For the past two years at Muhlenberg, Dawn has led her team with in goals per season with sixteen. In 2001, ten of these were game deciding scores. One of these goals came as the only one in the Centennial Conference Championship game. The Mules faced Elizabethtown in the NCAA tournament, where Iberer again led her team, scoring the first goal of the contest. Also in 2001, marked the year that Dawn received honors as a second team All-American, first team All-Mid-Atlantic Region, and first team All-Centennial-Conference athlete. Iberer was also named Centennial Conference Player of the Week twice. Not coincidentally, Muhlenberg set school records for wins, consecutive wins in a season, and shutouts. The Lady Mules had their best season yet. "I love this team. I'm lucky that we had a good team since I've been here. When I came in as a freshman, there were thirteen of us and the majority of the girls are still playing."

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Pineapple	Peanut Butter	Cherry
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Tangerine	Banana Coconut	Vanilla
Watermelon	Rocky Road	Chocolate
Strawberry	Cheese Cake	Strawberry
Pink Lemonade	Burnt Almond	Coffee
Passion Fruit		Mint Chocolate Chip
Tutti Frutti		Peanut Butter
Strawberry Ban.		

Football shoots down the Johns Hopkins Blue Jay's

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scrabbled back on a 97-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Zach Dilonno to receiver Brian Wolcott, thinning the Muhlenberg margin to six points.

The ensuing drive witnessed the Blue Jays detain the Mules on their own 42-yard line to a fourth and four situation.

On a fake punt, fullback Zach Trach earned the first down, and an additional 39 yards after.

"Since I was on the field for offense," explained

Trach.

"I didn't know the call to fake was made until the team came on the field. I remember seeing Steve Doll, who was the trap blocker, come across our formation and crush the guy left of center."

"I got through the line and the first thing I noticed was how open the field was. From there, Dan Miller laid a big downfield block that probably doubled the length of the play."

The successful forty-three yard fake punt set up a 12-yard touchdown pass from Justin Jones to Alfredo

Mercuri, putting the game out of reach for the Blue Jays, who travel to Randolph-Macon on Saturday.

On the other hand, Muhlenberg hosts Gettysburg this Saturday. Although the Mules were victorious last season 41-0, Petrakis remains guarded against the Bullets.

"Gettysburg still played well that game," he cautioned, "and this year they're probably one of the most improved teams in the conference. They're 3-3 so far and have played every team tough, so I don't think

anyone is looking at last years' score as an indication of this year."

To offset the Muhlenberg defensive player of the week is Gettysburg quarterback Joe Gossweiler, who claimed the offensive honor last week.

Gossweiler rushed for 122 and passed for 120 in the Bullets 29-27 win over Ursinus.

Petrakis said of Gossweiler, "He's a double threat, so we'll have to defend the pass and run real well just as we did last week, and bring the same type of intensity."

Giammalvo -- 1,000 digs

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was freshman Julie Lauro, who recorded a total of 24 kills in the two matches. Ferrelli also recorded twelve digs against Washington, Jennifer Leigh with nine, and Maria Poluka with eight. Billie also recorded eight digs for the match against Washington. Freshmen setters Emily Reardon and Mary Henning lead the team in assists, Reardon with 29 against Gettysburg and Henning with 25 against Washington.

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Appetizers.

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Entrees.

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Women's soccer Bullet proof against Gettysburg

By CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

With their fourth straight win, the Muhlenberg women's soccer team shuffled past Gettysburg 2-0 Saturday and into full ownership of second place in the Centennial Conference.

The victory marked Muhlenberg's first ever at Gettysburg, who entered the game sharing a 4-1 conference record with the Mules, and ranked fourth in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Junior forward Dawn Iberer had a foolproof plan for not letting the school's history affect her play. "I knew last year was the first game we didn't lose to Gettysburg, but to be honest, I didn't even realize that we were yet to win out there."

"For the last week we were practicing ways to play against Gettysburg," explicated junior Dawn Iberer.

"They use a different strategy than us and that is with four defenders. Oftentimes they will send one up as an attacking defender to stop their opponents from passing the ball. We felt well prepared though because for the first 10-20 minutes it felt like we dominated control of the ball."

Notching her first career goal in the game's thirteenth minute from a

Maureen McLaughlin pass, sophomore Katie Macomber described the play. "A kick went to the opposite side I was on, and came into the middle from the far post. I kicked it and I think it deflected off the Gettysburg defender into the goal."

Muhlenberg held onto the lead for the rest of the contest, but failed to score again until about eight minutes were left in the game. "In the second half," Macomber explained, "we had a lot of good shots that just didn't go in." "Sometimes after we get the lead," explained Dawn Iberer, "we go into defensive mode. But we continued to play the same game until about the last five or ten minutes. A 1-0 lead isn't very comfortable so we tried to play like it was 0-0."

The Mules scoring drought was quenched when forward Iberer punched a goal in that proved to be the last of the game.

"I think a defender touched the pass from Becky [Armstrong]," Iberer explained, "so she didn't get the assist, which was a shame because it was a real good pass. But I got the ball, flicked it up over the defender and then volleyed it in behind the last defender and it went in."

The goal brought Iberer her 43rd career goal, just one short of the

Muhlenberg record. "It feels good as an accomplishment, but I try not to think of it," said Iberer. "I know how many stats and how many goals I have, but I just keep trying to put them in. I want to reach the goal mark, but I want to win more."

Iberer's 43 goals are enough to earn her a spot in the top five for career goal scoring leaders in the Centennial Conference. Additionally, Iberer is one of three active athletes in the career point leaders with 96.

In their family weekend game this Saturday, the Mules will face non-conference Washington Maryland, who was out-shot 36 to 9 in their 3-1 home defeat last season at the hands of Muhlenberg brought their overall record to 3-12-2.

Washington lost 1-0 Saturday to first place Franklin & Marshall, who currently sports an 11-1 record.

To start the year, Muhlenberg lost their first two non-conference games, "We started off the season a little rough," described Iberer.

"Since then we've picked it up a lot. We only lost one senior, but for some reason we had trouble clicking early on. I think since then we've realized what it takes".

The Mules are ranked sixth in the Centennial Conference right now.

Family Weekend's Saturday Home Games

Field Hockey

Mules vs.
Gettysburg

at 5:00 p.m.

Football

Mules vs.
Gettysburg

at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Mules vs.
Washington

at 3:00 p.m.

Uniskiewicz leads cross country team at DeSales

By LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

This past weekend the Muhlenberg men's cross country squad went to the DeSales Invitational, where they took sixth place out of 40 teams, as the lady Mules captured fourteenth out of 38 teams competing.

Leading the men was Junior Rob Uniskiewicz. With a 275-competitor field, Uniskiewicz flew by everyone and had a remarkable finish, ending in second with a time of 25:55.26.

Uniskiewicz was only defeated by Senior Mark Stallings of Millersville, with a time of 25:04.89. Millersville is also a nationally ranked.

Senior Brendan Gallagher and Freshman Alex Hotz also placed within the top thirty at the meet. Gallagher placed at thirteenth with a time of 26:34:64 and Hotz placed 25th with a time of 27:06.99.

Coach Andrews said, "The men's team ran a great race showing a great deal of confidence on a difficult, hilly, and wet course. We anticipate having an excellent race on Nov. 2 at the conference championship at Ursinus. Congratulations to Rob Uniskiewicz for being the first Division III runner to cross the line."

The Mule women have placed in the top ten at every meet this season, with only two remaining before the Centennial Conference Championships.

The Mules only had one finisher in the top thirty. Freshman Karen Mount took 24th with a time of 20:07:63.

Winning the race was Dickinson junior Callie Bradley, with the top time of 18:30 for the individual title.

"Karen Mount had an excellent finish at 25th place. She and Diana Garretto led the way for our women, who we also expect to have a strong showing on

the hills at the conference championships," said Coach Andrews. The coaches rankings for men and women were compiled this month with five Mules making the list.

For the men, Senior Will Elson was ranked sixth, Alex Hotz ranked thirteenth and Junior Rob Uniskiewicz was rated second.

In the women's rankings, freshman Karen Mount was ranked nineteenth. The Mules are persevering through every meet they have gone to this year.

In the Centennial Conference Honor Roll, two Mules made the list.

Junior Rob Uniskiewicz was named for his second place finish at DeSales and freshman Karen Mount was named for being the Mules top runner at DeSales.

The Mules will compete at the Gettysburg Invitational this coming week and than one more meet left before the championships.

Volleyball breaks even at weekend tournament

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Weekly Sports Writer

Over their last four matches, the Muhlenberg women's volleyball team faced Johns Hopkins, Haverford, Franklin & Marshall and Gettysburg, all teams who finished in the top half of the Centennial Conference last year. On Oct. 9, the Mules lost to the now 6-2 Haverford in three matches 17-30, 21-30, and 15-30. The Fords are one of the two teams the Mules tied for the Centennial Conference regular-season title last season. Senior co-captain Dana Ferrelli had a team-high seven kills and recorded ten digs to move from fourth to second place on the teams' all-time dig list. With 1,144 career digs, she is 69 away from all-time leader Kimberly Maurer (1995-98). On Wed. Oct. 16, the Muhlenberg volleyball team dropped its third straight match, falling to Franklin & Marshall, who improved their Conference record to 7-0 and overall one to 21-5 with their 30-23, 33-31, and 30-27 win over the Mules. The Diplomats are ranked third in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Leading the Mules against F&M was Freshman Julie Lauro with 19 kills. She now has the second-highest single-season kills total in team history with 351, more than halfway to the school record of 635. Seniors Jennifer Leigh and Maria Poluka also chipped in with ten digs each. Seniors Meaghan Billie and Lisa Giammalov recorded five blocks each.

Last weekend, senior Lisa Giammalvo became the sixth player in team history, and second this season, to reach the 1,000-dig mark for her career at Muhlenberg.

The Mules split a tri-match at Gettysburg, losing 0-3 to Gettysburg and beating Washington 3-0. The high-hitter

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SPORTS

Men's soccer takes home a pivotal win over McDaniel this weekend

BY BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

In front of a Saturday Varsity Field crowd, the Muhlenberg men's soccer team routed struggling McDaniel Green Terror (5-6-2) 4-0 in their last regular season home game.

The win gave the Mules their tenth victory of the season and marks the 16th time in 17 years that the men's soccer team has reached the ten win plateau.

The game was highlighted by a string of three goals by the Mules in the final seven minutes of the first half virtually putting the game out of reach before the second half even began.

Sophomore Tim Sparta opened the scoring in the 38th minute when he ripped a shot from 35 yards out to the right post, putting the Mules on the board.

It took only 46 more seconds to elapse before the Mules put another shot in the net. In the 39th minute, Senior Mike Hochkeppel sent a low, screaming shot from outside the box to the bottom left corner of the goal. Conveniently for the Mules, a McDaniel defender deflected his shot, crossing up the Terror goalkeeper and placing the ball in the back of the net.

The final goal in the series came from Sophomore Nick Richardson whose goal was the result of a one-on-one with the Terror goalkeeper. Richardson's attempt was made possible by Junior Evan Smallwood, whose assist enabled Richardson the chance to beat the goalkeeper.

In the second half, the Mules merely had to sit on their three goal lead, but they kept attacking. Tim Sparta added to the Mules scoring in the 50th minute with his second goal of the game, giving the Mules their final goal and capping off the game. His goal made him the first Mule this season to record multiple goals in a single game.

The Mules ended the game outshooting the Green Terror 28-16 in a contest that was completely lopsided from the first whistle. This home match was the final one for six seniors who hope to improve upon last season's loss in the Centennial Conference playoffs and advance to the NCAA tournament. Right now, the Mules sit at 4-2 and are in fourth place in the conference.

Upcoming matches against conference foes Franklin & Marshall and Ursinus will determine where the Mules fit into the Centennial Conference playoff picture.



Senior David Vassiliaros dribbles past a frustrated McDaniel player.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Football team lands win against grounded Blue Jays-- Defensive unit named Centennial Players of the Week

BY CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

Triumphant against the previously unbeaten Johns Hopkins, the Muhlenberg football team snapped their thirteen game losing streak in the state of Maryland with Saturday's 23-10 win. Recording an impressive 41:19 time of possession, the Muhlenberg offense more than doubled Johns Hopkins scanty 18:41 of ball custody.

The Mules offense accrued over 130-yards more than their adversaries, tracking 200-yards on the ground and 174 in the air,

helping their conference standing improve to 3-1 and their overall record to 5-1.

Not alone in their efforts, the Mules long-winded offense set a beat the defense played to, according to junior Thanasis Petrakis. "Everyone on defense was fresh and able to exert all our energy on each play. The whole team played with an intensity the offense was able to establish early on. They have two or three really good backs that they spread the ball around evenly with. They have a freshman quarterback, so we knew we could win if we made them a passing team.

He made some good plays, but their passing game just isn't as strong."

Recognized as a single unit, the entire defense was named Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference, as they forced four turnovers, allowed no successful third down conversion, and held the Blue Jays to seven first downs. Additionally, the Mules held the Conferences' second-ranked rushing game to 32 yards on 21 attempts.

The Mules rushing attack, fueled largely by Matt Bernardo's 44 rushes for 140 yards, struck at the Hopkins defense 59-times.

With 1:30 left in the first quarter and from one yard out, Bernardo's fourth down carry across the threshold consummated the afternoons' scoring.

The touchdown marked Bernardo's school record 264th career point, and lidded a 15-play, 86-yard drive. This first quarter proved to be a tone setter, as the Mules held the ball for nearly twelve minutes and limited Hopkins to five offensive plays.

By early in the fourth quarter, Muhlenberg broadened its lead to 16-3, thanks to Chris Reed field goals from 21, 26 and 20 yards

respectively.

The field goals established Reed as the single season point leader for Muhlenberg kickers with 59 and tied the record for Muhlenberg field goals in a season with eleven.

With 9:05 remaining in the game, the Blue Jays

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2002

College seeks student input

BY JUSTIN BUCHBINDER
Weekly News Writer

Contained in an unexpected envelope in every student, faculty member, and staff worker's mailbox was a satisfaction survey from the Board of Trustees and a note from James Steffy, Interim President requesting an assessment of campus climate and a complete institutional review.

According to Anne Hochella, Vice President of Human Resources, this is the first time in twelve years in which the College Community has been given so much influence in decisions of the Board of Trustees by voicing opinion.

Participants were enticed to hand in the survey to the 'Berg Bookstore with a free candy bar.

Two separate surveys were sent out for students and for faculty and staff. Students were asked to take the "Student Satisfaction Inventory" while faculty and staff were asked to take the "Institutional Priorities Survey." With the change in presidential leadership at the College, the time was right to compile a general campus climate from the survey results. The Board of Trustees seeks to know what the student body and faculty feel concerning how things are run on campus. They

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Protest brings political awareness

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Gagged with an American flag and kneeling silently on a table in Parents' Plaza, Sarah Kersh '03 was one of several members of Students Advocating Gender Equality (S.A.G.E.) to protest the Global Gag Rule, a policy being considered by federal legislators that will limit overseas family planning assistance.

The Global Gag Rule, enacted by an executive order of President George W. Bush, places restrictions on non-governmental organizations that accept USAID family planning funds. Under the Global

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Students gagged and dressed in all black handed out information about the Global Gag Rule to passersby.

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Families make visit to campus



Families take a break to smile during Family Weekend in General's Quarters.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

Parking on campus was a little more difficult this past weekend as students invited their families to experience life at the College during Family Weekend. Beginning Friday, family members were encouraged

to attend classes with current students and experience a Muhlenberg education. With permission of the instructor, many parents, grandparents and siblings took advantage of this option and attended various lectures, recitations and courses.

Additionally, a wealth of activities was scheduled

throughout the weekend to keep parents and students occupied. Free photo buttons and photo key rings were offered in the Seegers Union lobby as a way for parents and students to have a souvenir of their weekend together. On Friday, a variety of cultural events were offered. A piano recital featured Kemal Gekic in the Empie Theater and a Student Cabaret show took place in Miller Forum. The General's Quarters was open until 3 a.m., allowing families to share a late night meal.

Saturday began with a number of presentations, including study abroad and career planning. President Steffy gave the State of the College address, and families were encouraged to attend a variety of faculty discussions on varying topics from "Zombification in Haitian Voodoo," led by

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Students consider postgraduate awards

BY WENDY EICHLER
Sr. Asst. News Editor

Members of the Class of 2004 learned Monday of the numerous opportunities they have to apply for prestigious awards and grants to be utilized after graduating from the College. Students listened as Kate Bartkus '00 and Rebecca Eckard '03 told of the postgraduate awards they won and the rewarding application process involved during the Postgraduate Awards Initiative meeting for juniors held in Miller Forum. Approximately 115 students were invited to the meeting, based on grade point average and nomination by a faculty member.

Dean Carol Shiner-Wilson led the meeting to educate and encourage the junior class to take advan-

tage of the various awards offered. Wilson described how the "restless curiosity" inherent in many students is what drives them to compete for awards such as the Fulbright Grant, the Truman Scholarship and the National Science Foundation Award. She also explained how the President's Award, started three years ago by English Professor Alec Marsh, was created to aid juniors in the application process for postgraduate awards. The President's Award offers up to three awards of \$1,000 each to juniors who complete various forms, personal statements and a mock interview, all used to help students refine and narrow their paths of academic interest. Its additional purpose is to "help you write a

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Disabilities Awareness Week helping to educate the College

The College has been permeated with educational programs and speakers discouraging over issues such as racism, sexism, religious persecution and homophobia. To these ends, the College should be praised. Rarely has this institution delved into an issue of equal importance -- disabilities.

Our community includes those with physical, mental and learning disabilities. With that, there is a need to understand the hurdles that must be overcome. These hurdles do not only apply to those with such disabilities, but the attitudinal hurdles each individual must overcome to engage in a mutually respectful society.

On the eve of Disabilities Awareness Week, a senior at the College filed a Campus Safety report after being approached by people she dubbed "retards." Even the speaker at a Disabilities Awareness Week talk, Julie Stoffer, offhandedly used the word "retarded" in her commentary when clearly not referring to a disability.

These two anecdotes illustrate the obvious need for Disabilities Awareness Week. With programming that encompassed nearly all forms of disability, The Weekly believes that the College Community has benefited. The attitudes above are what must change, and with programs such as Disabilities Awareness Week, incrementally they will.

The Weekly hopes that students, faculty and staff learn to respect all members of our community, and takes this opportunity to thank the organizers and sponsors of Disabilities Awareness Week for making such a positive contribution to the College.

The sniper: news of sorrow and uncertainty



ELIZABETH
RAUPERS

THE WEEKLY
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Last Thursday, I was informed that the infamous "sniper" had been caught. Throughout the extensive police investigation that preceded his capture, America found itself brimming with questions: who is the sniper? Is it a man or a woman? Why did the sniper pick these people?

When will the sniper stop? Will the sniper stop? Only now that John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo have been caught do I come to grips with the more relevant questions that never really flooded the television screen.

I wonder if it is possible that the intense and unremitting coverage of these serial acts actually helped rather than hindered the killer. I'm not at all questioning the importance of getting a name, a face and other details out to everyone possible. Surely if not for the virtually immediate execution of those necessities a great deal of serious criminals would still be at large. But the constant return to the

specific and gruesome details of each crime again and again, and the precipitous use of bogus analysts of "criminal minds" or "serial-killer habits" that talk about the killer in such reverent tones as to almost glorify him seem to be unnecessary.

I asked myself why the sniper was such a huge deal considering everything else that happens in America every day. For instance, in 2001, 262 American kids between the ages one through nineteen killed themselves unintentionally with a firearm, and although this is a macabre reality, mothers and fathers would do a lot better to be informed

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Letter to the Editor: Hillel response to Israeli editorial

To the Editor:

We feel it necessary to respond to the Weekly's editorial "Lack of Dialogue on Muhlenberg College Campus." While we welcome constructive criticism of our programming, it is important that we set the record straight on our programming regarding the situation in Israel. The Weekly suggests, "Hillel... provides one side of the story," and goes on to suggest that no thought has been given to bringing Palestinians to campus. In fact, Hillel is the only organization on campus to have sponsored and promoted the visit of a Palestinian to speak on campus (Forsan Hussein, April 8, 2002).

The Weekly states that, "To converse about the side that the majority of students agree on provides a disservice to all involved." In fact, neither Hillel members nor Jewish students represent a majority on this campus and further, there is hardly agreement on the part of Jewish students, Hillel members or Hillel leadership on the situation in the Middle East. The old adage, "If you have two Jews, you have

three opinions" was never more clear than in the visit of the Israeli college students to our campus. These students had diametrically opposing points of view on all issues related to the current situation in Israel. They were not, as the Weekly has suggested, brought here to speak about "Middle Eastern politics and current events." The title of the program, "Israel at Heart," denotes the very nature of the program, which was to speak about their current life experiences in a non-political fashion. In doing this, they spoke of the personal relationships they indeed have with

Palestinians and the sympathy they feel with the Palestinian people. The Weekly has stated that Hillel "provides a one sided discussion" of the situation in the Middle East. In fact, in all of our programming related to Israel we have always and will always provide the rich and healthy diversity of opinion on that exists on this difficult subject.

--Muhlenberg Hillel Student
Executive Board,
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Patriotism was just a passing fad



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This past year our country has leapt to new heights of patriotism. It seemed as if everywhere you looked there was some form of red, white and blue. Stars and stripes were everywhere. Even in the tunnels of the New York/New Jersey Path Trains, "United We Stand" signs could be seen. There was not a car on the highway that didn't have a magnetic flag on its door. But where are they now?

Often it is said that all teenagers (and young adults in general) have almost a mild form of attention deficit disorder, but could the same be said for our country? Granted, the magnetic strips may have worn out, and sure, the papers that

you hung are probably long since sun bleached, but what was so important then that isn't important now?

America seemed to have been shocked into life. Not to sound cliché, but the attack on Sept. 11 was an attack on the United States. This is the main reason for the sudden upheaval of patriotism, but there was no need for it to stop. It appears that although many may have been claiming to be patriots, they were really nothing more than followers going through a transitional fad. Let's face it. It was popular to be patriotic. If someone didn't love his country after the World Trade Center fell, he was segregated

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and looked down upon.

In case people haven't noticed, things haven't changed. We still don't have Osama, but we think he's dead; and now, we have possibly even a greater threat. Saddam Hussein appears to be a significant threat. However, now we have set a precedent -- something unmistakably terrible has got to happen before we feel patriotic.

I'm not advocating Bush's

positions. I honestly feel that his public relations people recognized that he would be a wartime president and that his approval ratings were best after Sept. 11. They would keep military action up because, frankly, it sells. Despite the fact that this conflict began for the wrong reasons it is still here and a lot of folks don't appear to care. Sure they talk about it once in a while, or they watch CNN in between commercials, but very few seem to actually

know what is going on.

This is where it gets a little more in-depth. People have forgotten the true reasons for being patriotic.

The feelings that were expressed were, as was said, only the popular thing to feel.

Being patriotic does not mean you have flags on your boxers or that you have a "Star Spangled Banner"

mp3 file on your web page. Being patriotic means registering to vote, registering for the draft, volunteering to help campaigns for elections either national or local. It means watching CNN and reading the newspaper, writing letters to your elected officials, starting campaigns and getting things done. This is real patriotism.

To be frank, the display that followed Sept. 11 was almost sickening. People who had been bashing America for years

suddenly turned around and waved their flags on TV. The feelings that were expressed were, as was said, only the popular thing to feel.

America is in a very dangerous position right now. Not only does it appear we will go to war with Iraq, but now it appears that North Korea has nuclear capabilities. It is our duty as citizens, Americans and patriots to be up to date and to believe in our country.

The choice to stay home

Amanda Phillips
Life! Editor

Sitting with a group of friends the other day, we began discussing motherhood. Clearly, there is an overwhelming amount of support for mothers who want to work outside of the home. Daycare is available nearly everywhere, and it seems pretty normal for children to be placed in childcare while their mothers are involved with their careers. It would make sense that here at Muhlenberg there is support for the working mother -- after all, why would so many women attend school if they were going to end up raising children and not having an outside career at all?

While sitting with these friends, one of them abruptly surprised the group and stated that she simply wanted to stay home

and raise her babies. She said she wanted nothing more than to be at home with her children. Everyone listening stopped and stared. Could it be true that even now in the twenty-first century, a woman would actually want to be a housewife? The answer, apparently, is yes.

After the initial shock wore away, a few of my other friends agreed that they too would like to stay home with their children. These stay-at-home-moms-to-be spoke timidly. It seems as though as it once was socially unacceptable for a woman to want to work outside the home, now there is something taboo about saying that one is a housewife, or wants to be a housewife, and I think this is a shame.

Now, before everyone gets up in arms about women's rights, let me just say that I, in no way, think that women are any less equal to men. Women and men should have the

right to choose the job they want. I, however, am including child rearing as a job. In fact, I would argue that there is no more important job than raising your children. What could be more rewarding or worthwhile than producing another good human being -- someone who will affect the world in a positive way? And what could be more rewarding than having your children know that you love them, being able to see them when they take their first steps, when they say their first word, when they say, "I love you" for the first time? Also, it's important to be able to pick up your children when they fall, and it's hard to do that while holding another job.

This said, I understand that many women would like a career outside of the home, and they should have the right to pursue this -- I am. There's nothing stopping a father from

staying home with the kids, and I think this option is not looked into often enough.

Also, working out of a home office is sometimes a possibility, as is sharing childcare responsibilities with one's spouse. Of course, these are not choices that everyone can make. Oftentimes two incomes are needed, or a woman just wants to work outside the home, and she shouldn't be criticized for wanting to support her family. Still, it's important to remember the other side, and that is the message I am trying to send. Just as women who hold outside jobs should have this right, so should women who stay home to raise their children.

Next time someone says they want to stay at home and raise their children, we should see this as an admirable plan and certainly one of the most important jobs a person could have, and we should respect this wish.

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Overexposure of the sniper

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to the dumb yet crucial obligation to keep firearms locked out of the reach of children. It's important to know that there's a sniper on the loose, but there's not much a parent can do to protect his or her kids other than leave the state for a while. Locking up a gun seems like something every person in their right mind would do, but 262 dead children beg to differ. I'm not getting into the NRA this time for the sake of brevity.

I, myself, am not entirely sure what I

am getting at because I'm left in confusion, too; my cousin lives five minutes from the Beltway and every morning I thought with anxiety

The news is just what it is: news.

But what we see and learn on television is pre-determined for our eyes and ears.

of her driving to work. But at the same time, I think I have finally come to see that the media does not reflect what is really important to a cul-

ture, but what the media itself deems should be important. Instead of the real facts and statistics from all sides, we get bits and pieces, fragments of the real crime scene in America, who's really being killed in the streets or starving in the backwoods.

The news is just what it is: news. But what we see and learn on television is pre-determined for our eyes and ears. Sometimes we trade all the statistics that could save lives for the over-extended glory and intrigue of a delusional sniper.

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Weekly Discourse: Class Registration

Move to online registration or continue with standing in lines?

Christin Culotta
Weekly Guest Columnist

Remember waking up at the crack of dawn to secure your place in what seemed to be an endless line through the bowels of Haas? Remember how many heart palpitations you had waiting in the interminable line for your turn? Now, imagine that is all an illusion, just a bad college memory that is once again replaced with the help of user-friendly technology.

It is time for class registration. But it is not that simple. Registration, although less stressful with an older class year and a good time slot, can be one of the most nerve-racking, if not annoying, times in the semester.

For one, students must go through a cat and mouse chase with professors, advisors and better yet, their own decisions before coming upon the select group of classes they would like to take. Then, if you are smart, you check to see that the basics are covered: significant sleeping time and hopefully a day or two off. Although that reality is more of an ideal, it may happen, pending students could bypass the main hassle of registration: the lines.

Sure, online registration is not perfect, but it eliminates the wasted hour sitting in a stagnant line when your desired

choices may not even be available when you reach the end. There is a certain relief when you can do a task that normally takes anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes, in less than ten. Especially for students who have the unfortunate luck of being dealt a bad time slot for registration, this possibility would increase the chances of receiving their intended course selection. This can also help the busier student, who can spare only a few minutes standing on line before a prior commitment. And, as we all know, no professor or boss will accept registration as an excuse for being late or missing work.

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Many will argue that physical registration may be beneficial in a small school setting, as there are fewer seats within each section and fewer opportunities to gain entrance into a popular class. In that case, a student could wait on line early to guarantee his or her placement in the class. Also, for less tech-savvy students, the thought of computerized registration is a potential problem.

However, for all of the positive and negative sides of this issue, there must be a gray area. By implementing both online and physical registration, all types of students are satisfied and the process can be tailored to individual needs. Could you imagine registration without lines? I certainly hope so.

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

When November rolls around and the time comes to pick classes for next semester, images of waiting endlessly on line and fighting over classes comes to mind. Some people may argue that there are both easier and faster ways to move students quickly through the registration process, but I don't believe this. Waiting around in Haas may be slightly more time consuming than online registration, but the personal nature that it offers is well worth it.

The reason many students chose Muhlenberg College is because of its small size and the fact that students are not just social security numbers. Most of the people on this campus are able to put a name with a face and recognize that each individual has particular interests as well as special needs. By merely signing online and typing in a few numbers, that sense of community is lost and instead replaced by a system where the chance for error is high and the person-to-person contact is low.

The way students are divided, both by year and last name, ensures that although the line looks long, especially when you're the one at the end, the amount of time actually spent waiting is minimal. That time is spent bonding with your fellow students; in fact, there have been some very meaningful conversations in the winding stairwell on

registration day. There is an opportunity to talk to people you may not have spoken to before. This may seem like an insignificant justification, and it is true that registration is not meant to be a time to socialize, but little instances such as this one are what give Muhlenberg its sense of intimacy.

In addition to the environment that waiting in line for registration creates, there is also another reason not to switch over to the on-line method. Computers at this point in time are extremely advanced, and while technology is very advanced, it is not infallible. I have spoken to many of my friends who attend other schools with online registration systems and have been bombarded with their many complaints about the system,

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everything from the website crashing just when they were about to select their courses to not even being able to get online because the server was bombarded with hits. Isn't dealing with technology one more needless worry when thinking about registering for classes?

For those students only concerned with convenience, online registering may in fact be the way to go. I strongly believe that there are many individuals who cherish the biannual time when they get to mingle over course numbers and frustrated groans. The administration will have to make the decision for itself, but maybe in this instance moving towards the future may be a step in the wrong direction.

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Coming together to halt violence

By CHRISTINA LICIAGA
Weekly News Writer

"Everything this important shouldn't be easy," Chaplain Peter Bredlau began. "Peace is a challenge, a struggle, [it's] not easy." More than anything else, the Nonviolence Day Rally on Oct. 23 was a revelation of things that are not easy to address or change.

The evening, organized by the Asian Students Association in honor of Mohandas Gandhi's birthday, aimed to "celebrate peaceful acts and recognize that violence exists and how we can conquer it," according to the event's main organizer, Swati Banerjee '04. The event began on campus three years ago under the guidance of Ronnie Arora '03, and although initially unsuccessful, the event has since added to the discourse on campus. This year's rally had a line-up complete with a cover performance by Noah Aronson '05 of The Beatles' "Let it Be," read-

ings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches and sermons by Sveta Shah '05 and Jim Drumheiser '05 as well as a rhythmic representation of peace by the Soul Sound Steppers. Prayers given by the Chaplain in his welcome and then as recited by Maria Piemontes '03 were also calls to peaceful resolutions and an abandonment of prejudice.

Recited prayers included those of Hindu, Islamic, Christian, Jewish and Bahai faith.

Dr. Francesca Coppa, Assistant Professor of English and the first of the two engaging keynote speakers, explored the contradictions of the peace discourse, with special focus on the issue of violence against women. Straying from the norm, the speech dealt not with women as victims, but rather as capable perpetrators. Relying mostly on national statistics and the probings of noted Feminist Germaine Greer, Coppa outlined the contradictions in America's treatment of women in and out

of the military as well as the evolving recognition of the empowerment of women. Coppa concluded with a more general challenge which endeavored to spite the stoicism of Americans today by advising the use of emotion, expressions of love and mourning to vocalize violence and other grievances.

Although quite different in his tactics, Dr. Christopher Kovats-Bernat, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology and the last speaker of the evening, explored peace in an equally revolutionary way.

Beginning with an anecdote that vividly described the death of a man in Haiti, Kovats-Bernat communicated that "killing is not sexy" and later discussed the issue of guns in American society, citing the destruction caused by legal firearms and even the present sniper situation.

Kovats-Bernat also addressed the current national state outlining his disgust for America's gener-



Noah Aronson '05 plays the piano at the Nonviolence Day celebration.

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al acceptance of racial profiling, infiltration of masques and the sacrifice of civil liberties for military protection. He also communicated his distaste with the recent USA Patriot Act, paralleling it to McCarthyism in its issuance of "guilt by association." Cleaving to a call for revolution, Kovats-Bernat referred to the lives and actions of both Mohandas Gandhi and Dr. King, describing them as men who "died for the cause standing for those on

their knees," and then challenged the audience, asking, "Is it too much to ask for peace?"

This year's Nonviolence Rally challenged its audience to discern the recent events of the world, to probe for peace and to be revolutionaries.

The motto of the event, "We must be the change we wish to see," equates the three words of peaceful revolution that ended the evening: "all," "here" and "now."

Award opportunities offer new lessons

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more competitive application [for postgraduate awards] when you're a senior," said Wilson.

Bartkus is the College's first and only Truman Scholarship winner to date. She stressed to students the intrinsic value of the process in applying for the Truman and President's Awards. Concerning the difficulties she faced during the strenuous application process, Bartkus said, "It will send you to hell and back, and will make you a better person for it." She gave personal anecdotes of her past application process and her current study of public policy at Princeton University, encouraging students not to underestimate their capabilities or be overwhelmed by the competition. The application process "forced me to think...in a way that endures with me today," she said.

Eckard, a Rotary

Ambassadorial Scholarship winner, spoke after Bartkus. She will study abroad and act as an ambassador for the U.S. in a presently undetermined location in 2004. She agreed with Wilson on several points, including the value of applying for a President's Award in order to discover what she was interested in pursuing. Although she completed a mock Fulbright application and decided against submitting a real one, she said the process "made me realize what I wasn't interested in." Eckard emphasized the value of strong professor-student relationships through independent study and internships, which she said are unique to the College compared to large universities.

Dean Wilson concluded by reviewing the timetable for the President's Award, giving descriptions of each scholarship and fellowship and introducing each award's respective faculty advisor.

felt the survey was the best way to get a widespread opinion that could, in turn, show them how to better carry out their responsibilities. The results may be given to the new president of the College to give the new President an idea of what type of a community thrives on campus and what needs to be changed.

The primary focus of the survey process is to evaluate how students feel. The surveys have two response columns measuring the importance of a specific issue and how each student feels about the current condition of the issue with regard to many different aspects of the College. One question asks to "rate the parking situation" on campus. In one column beside the question is a scale to rate the current parking situation and the other column is used to rate the importance of the parking situation. Both student, faculty and staff surveys were gauged to evaluate only stu-

Trustees inquire student opinion

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dent satisfaction. "The staff seemed upset that the majority of the questions on their surveys were focused on how they viewed the students' satisfaction with the College," Hochella said, "but that's what the focus of this survey is on — the student body."

Outside consultants will visit campus to review the condition of the College and take part in a listening tour, where they will attend scheduled meetings with faculty, students, staff and senior administration to gain an understanding of how the College is running. Official notes will be taken at these meetings.

The first listening tour session was cancelled because only one student attended. Two more listening tour sessions are scheduled for Nov. 1 and Nov. 5. All students of the College are welcome to attend.

Once the campus climate has been evaluated, the consultants conducting the listening tours and reading the surveys will compare the College to other institutions

that they have worked with in the past. The survey results will be compiled by January, and the information obtained will be released to the public. The commentary taken from the listening tours and the survey data will be given to the Board of Trustees. "The major reason [for these evaluations] is to have the Board better understand the position of the College in relation to other institutions," Hochella said.

Participation in this survey and listening process is not mandatory, although such opportunities have not been offered at the College in twelve years. Another survey may not be offered again for a long period to avoid excessively surveying the campus. However, the need to identify the atmosphere of the College Community is important to the Board of Trustees. "In order for the survey to be valid, it needs a nearly full participation. Otherwise we will just have a partial opinion. I encourage people to speak up," Steffy said.

BUDDIE brings awareness

Disabilities Awareness Week teaches students and brings the community together

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Disabilities Awareness Week began this Monday and events honoring this theme will continue to take place through Friday. BUDDIE (Because YoU Don't Do It Everyday) information sessions were held daily in Seegers along with several interactive demonstrations. Many prominent speakers from the surrounding area came to the College, including Henry Holden, Julie Stoffer, Barbara Gottschlak, Gerald Fierst and Kathy Buckley.

"I think it's extremely important that the College be aware of these issues because living with disabili-

ties is not easy," said Julie Volonnino '04. "I think it's interesting to see how others view individuals with disabilities." To begin the week, a BUDDIE information session on Mental Health was held in the lobby of Seegers by members of the Unity House Clubhouse. Also in Seegers on Monday, Dr. Sandy Weinberg's First Year Seminar presented inventions for individuals with disabilities. "In my seminar, we created inventions to help make the lives of individuals who live with disabilities a little bit easier," said Dee Ross, '06. "The Misconceptions Continue: How Media Represents People with Disabilities" was presented by Henry Holden in Miller

Forum on Monday night. An actor, athlete and stand-up comic, Holden is the founder of Performers with Disabilities for the Screen Actors Guild.

An information session on Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder was presented in Seegers on Tuesday, as well as an Assistive Technology Demonstration for Faculty on C.A.R.T. (C-Print, Kurzweil Reading Software, Read and Scan). Julie Stoffer of MTV's "The Real World" New Orleans held a lecture entitled "Growing Up with Learning Differences" on Tuesday night in Empie Theatre. Wednesday's events included an information and simulation exercise on Visual and Auditory Disabilities in Seegers as well as a demonstration on the training of a seeing eye dog, held in Parents' Plaza. Lucas Franck, supervisor of Community Instruction for The Seeing Eye, gave a presentation on the topic "What

is Blindness?" Wheelchair basketball games took place Wednesday night in the Field House.

On Wednesday night, Barbara Gottschlak, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar at the College and Executive Vice President of Seeds of Peace, presented a lecture on advocacy work for people with disabilities. An information and simulation exercise on Physical and Orthopedic Disabilities will take place today in Seegers, as well as a night of ghost stories with sign language interpreter Gerald Fierst in the Red Door at 9:00 p.m.

Tomorrow in the Recital Hall from 4:50 p.m., a "short, funny taped play" called *Educating Grover*, written by Tade Reen '99, will be presented. Ending the week will be a comedian

Kathy Buckley, four-time American Comedy Award Nominee, performing at 7:30 p.m. in Empie Theater. She uses personal experience to create humor and educate others.

The College's only all female a capella group, The Girls Next Door will open the show. Disabilities Week was sponsored by various organizations of students, faculty and staff at the College.



Turning Point candlelight vigil
Mother and daughter share their experiences and speak in remembrance of victims of domestic violence.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Families visit students

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Professor Kovats-Bernat, Assistant Professor of Sociology, to "The Liberal Art of Magic," led by Professor Larry Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy. Several discussions on more serious global topics were also offered. Professor Sciutto of the Psychology Department led a discussion on "Anger, Hate and Violence in America," and Professor Gambino of the Political Science Department directed a discussion on "Student Activism and the Public Engagement Project."

Families and student swere also able to attend performances, concerts and sporting events on Saturday. The football team trounced Gettysburg College 41-0. The women's soccer team crushed Washington College 6-1. In addition, the women's field hockey team defeated current Centennial Conference Champions Gettysburg College 2-1.

Families and students interested in theatrical presentations attended an "Interplay" jazz concert, a performance of "An Evening with Gershwin" and a production of "Into the Woods" directed by

Brian Cordeiro '03, which follows Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (from the beanstalk), Cinderella, a childless baker and his wife on a quest to fulfill their wishes. Finally, cover band "The Nerds" performed in Memorial Hall.

Sunday began with a First-Year Family Breakfast hosted by President and Mrs. Steffy in the Field House. Students and families also attended a bagel brunch and open house at the Hillel House. The Muhlenberg Theatre Association offered a matinee production of "Into the Woods" and the Muhlenberg Activities Council showed the movie "Scooby Doo" in the Red Door.

Family Weekend allowed family members to get an intimate look at campus life. They experienced part of a College education by sitting in on classes and lectures. The various plays and musical performances gave them a feel for the cultural life and the sporting events allowed families to cheer on the home team together. Genevieve Cheng '06 said, "Family Weekend was a good opportunity for my family to experience what my everyday life here at the College is like."

Students walk for AIDS in Philly

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

Thirty-five students from the College made the trek to Philadelphia for the sixteenth annual AIDS Walk Philly on Oct. 20. Along with their enthusiasm, they brought approximately \$500 in pledge money for the AIDS Fund. This was the third year Erin McMnamin '03 and Courtney Russell '03 organized a team from the College for the event.

AIDS walk is run by AIDS Fund, a group that, according to its website, supports organizations in the Philly area that provide AIDS and HIV-related services, education and prevention.

In 1987, volunteers at Penguin Place, a gay and lesbian community center in Philadelphia, organized the first walk-athon which raised \$33,000. Since then, the AIDS Fund has raised over \$11 million. It is the largest private funder of AIDS service organizations in the region.

Despite the inclement weather this year, a sizable number of people were involved with the walk, although McMnamin said she felt the cold deterred some walkers. "The walk, overall, wasn't as well-attended as it has been in past years," she explained. Despite the chill, she and the other walkers from the College enjoyed themselves. "For our team we had t-shirts made," said

McMnamin "and we had breakfast donated by Wood [Dining Services]... the AIDS walk went really well for us this year."

The College walkers also received donations and funding from Peter Bredlau and Faith Works, Patti Mittleman, the Muhlenberg Activities Council, Community Services, the RIBBON project, Dean Ehrenberg's office and the Residence Hall Association.

Susan Higginbotham, Executive Director of the AIDS Fund, said so far this year's walk has generated about a half million dollars.

This figure is slightly lower than last year, but Higginbotham is expecting more money to come in as people continue collecting their pledge money.

Based on food and water and the size of the crowd, Higginbotham estimated somewhere between 32,000 to 33,000 people were involved in the AIDS Walk this year. She also believed the cold weather was a factor in the smaller turnout.

The 12-kilometer walk (about 8.4 miles) started and finished at Eakins Oval in front of the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The route took walkers up Kelly Drive and back down West River Drive. In addition to the 12k walk, there is a one-mile Stroller Walk, designed for families with small children, and a 10k run.

OFF CAMPUS

Tucson, Arizona – A failing student out for vengeance opened fire at his fellow students and professors inside the University of Arizona's School of Nursing on Monday Oct. 28 in an attack that claimed the lives of three professors of the student. The student Robert Flores was a failing nursing student. Flores died when he turned the gun on himself and committed suicide after carrying out the murders of his professors. The student is alleged to have shot two professors that were in the middle of administering a mid-term examination as well as killing a third professor of his while she was in her second-floor office. A top official with the local veteran's health care system said Flores also was a former Gulf War veteran, who worked as a licensed practical nurse at their facilities.

Allentown – To increase parents' involvement in their children's education, the Allentown School District created Parent College Day, with 17 classes. It was held at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ on Hamilton Street. Sessions offered parents ideas on disciplining children, dealing with stress, helping children choose a career and talking to their children's teachers and school administrators. Organizer Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, the district's parental involvement coordinator, said she formed the idea for the event by listening to adults who said they need more parental training. Since then, she discovered that similar events are held in several other states.

Gagged and bound students rally

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Gag Rule, these organizations may not use USAID funds or their private funds to perform abortions and must face other reproductive health service restrictions. The Global Gag Rule was passed through Congress this past Tuesday, and now must only pass through Senate to become a law.

According to Choice USA, a pro-choice organization, "The real danger of the Global Gag Rule is that it threatens access to... sex education, breast exams, pelvic exams, pap smears, contraceptives, screening and treatment for high blood pressure, diabetes, anemia, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases."

"Taking that [access to treatment] away is taking the rights of people away...

their right to have birth control, to have safe sex, to have a safe pregnancy," said Melissa Koberle '05, a member of S.A.G.E.

After joining Choice USA as an affiliated group, S.A.G.E. hosted Choice USA member Erica Smiley to speak about the Global Gag Rule and a rally scheduled for Nov. 1 in Harrisburg to protest the rule. S.A.G.E. members have since taken an active role in promoting the Global Democracy Promotion Act, which proposes to overturn the Global Gag Rule.

Several S.A.G.E. members plan to attend the rally, and Erin Fixler '05 and Mel Alger '03 will be directly involved in the rally by giving an acoustic performance and speech, respectively.

To raise campus awareness on the Global Gag Rule and reactionary rally, S.A.G.E. members dressed in all black attire and covered their mouths with tape while passing out information to passersby in Parents' Plaza Tuesday afternoon. They tried to depict repressed women who suffer from the consequences of the Global Gag Rule. One

S.A.G.E. member portrayed a pregnant woman bound and gagged.

"These pregnant women are now helpless," explained Koberle. Flyers were dispersed to 500 members of the College Community to explain the Global Gag Rule and encourage students to join S.A.G.E. members at the rally on Friday.

During the Ed O'Brien and Pat Toomey debate on campus this Tuesday, S.A.G.E. members continued their demonstration by displaying their banner while standing gagged by an American flag. "People were very grateful that we are doing this," said Koberle.

Two members of the crowd questioned the protestors' viewpoint on the Global Gag Rule. "One man understood my point of view and shook my hand at the end," Koberle said.

Leaving at 11 a.m. from the Center for the Arts on Friday, S.A.G.E. members welcome all students of the College to attend the rally with them. "This is a great opportunity to get out there and make a stand," said Alger.

Speaker addresses cultural heritage

By STACY LIPSCHUTZ
Weekly News Writer

Dr. Victor Vega, an associate professor of Human Development and adjunct professor of African-American studies at Middlesex College in Edison, N.J. presented a "Myths and Stereotypes" lecture regarding cultural heritage on Oct. 17. The lecture, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Life

and Comunidad Latina. Vega grew up as a black Puerto Rican boy living in the U.S. Vega described how he did not feel normal amongst his peers because of the many myths and stereotypes about cultural heritage.

Vega said that American people in general are guilty of viewing African and non-western civilizations as being primitive and savage ethnic groups. He described how difficult it was for a

black person to grow up in American society and feel entirely accepted, saying, "Cultural heritage concerns every ethnic group that has come into this western hemisphere."

He gave an example of a white elementary school teacher asking her students a question. "There are four blackbirds in a tree, a slingshot kills one of them, how many are left?" A white child raises her hand and answers, "There are three left, because four minus one is three." A black student sitting next to her raises his hand and answers, "No, there are zero, because the collective response of blackbirds is to fly away."

According to Vega, this example illustrates the fundamental differences in thought and answer from two young children of different cultures. Vega grew up in the United States but felt very "untypical." His family lived in Puerto Rico for many years, and he identified himself as Puerto Rican. Vega said his native Spanish language, the foods he eats and the way he dances all define him as Puerto Rican. Each of these actions are part of who he is and how others view him.

Vega discussed the stereo-

typical Latinos portrayed on television, expressing his dismay over the negative ways that people view Latinos. The first example he presented was Ricky Ricardo of "I Love Lucy."

Occasionally on the show he would bang on an African drum and sing Spanish songs. Numerous TV shows continued to display cultural stereotypes throughout the end of the twentieth century, including "All in the Family," "Miami Vice" and "On the Rocks."

These shows portrayed Latinos as lower class drug dealers, which Vega said caused society to look down on Latinos. Vega refused to accept anyone's assumptions based on

his skin color and heritage. Regarding his education, Vega said, "If I can be here at college, and prove myself, I can inject a better look at Puerto Ricans and bring more Puerto Ricans into colleges and universities."

Living by his words, he attended Syracuse University and collaborated with a mentor to write a course in African American Studies. Through the course, he showed Americans a new type of Latino culture. Vega described his teachings and personal views, by saying, "You can't imitate or give a partial picture, and you must give the full picture and let others decide how to view you."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Rain/Snow	Rain/Snow
High: 46 Low: 31	High: 41 Low: 29	High: 43 Low: 32

Correction:

In addition to receiving a degree as a Business Specialist in Foreign Corresponding at Istituto Tecnico Commerciale A. Genovesi in Italy, Patricia Bracci, Visiting Lecturer of Italian, earned her M.A. in French from Salerno University.
See Issue 6, page 7 Visiting professors complement full-time faculty at the College.

German press officer explains America relations

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

When the planes struck two New York City buildings on Sept. 11, America found itself at the commencement of a "War Against Terror" with Germany as one of its close allies.

This partnership ended abruptly during the German elections of 2002 in which Chancellor Gerhard Schröder crushed all hopes of that relationship continuing into the future.

In the months since the elections, an uprising of opposition to Germany has developed in Washington as a result of Gerhard Schröder and Germany's abandonment as an established ally to the U.S.

Visiting campus on Oct. 14, Dr. Werner Schmidt, the press officer of the German Information Center and German Consulate General in New York City, delivered

a discussion on the subject and what it means for German and American relations in the future.

"Last October Schröder assured George Bush that Germany would show unlimited solidarity," said Schröder.

This action, Schmidt stated, began to cost Schröder the election since the German public was one hundred percent against any war involving German military forces.

Schröder, a representative of the Social Democrats in Germany, committed political suicide when he met with Bush in Washington last October, giving his support for action against Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan. "He faced a lot of opposition in Germany because it meant sending military troops into war," Schmidt stated. "No other ally took such a political risk."

"What we learned from World War II is that there

can be no more wars," said Schmidt. Schröder was aware of the German public's opposition to war when he agreed to help America in the "war on terror;" however, he soon realized that his hasty decision was costing him the election.

Once aware of his political error, Schröder immediately began trying to salvage what was left of his campaign in the hopes of being reelected. In doing so, he extinguished all German and American relations that had been built up since the end of World War II. "In the course of the campaign German and American relations deteriorated," said Schmidt.

In order to sway the voters to elect him for another term, Schröder took the position of being opposed to war with Iraq before announcing it to the rest of the world. He emphasized to the German public that he would not support military action in Iraq whether

it involved the U.S. or the U.N. This stance of opposition towards war "helped him win a key group of voters in Eastern Germany" and thrust him into contention in the election once again, Schmidt explained.

Schröder's political suicide soon turned into an international relations suicide with the U.S. as the leading figure of disapproval towards his new policy.

Schröder and Germany's abandonment of the war against terror left many key political figures in Washington feeling cheated and neglected. Relations between America and Germany struck a dissonant chord when Schröder compared Bush to Germany's own past dictator, Adolf Hitler. Schmidt stated that he doesn't see the problem as a direct attack against America and its "War

Against Terror," and he sees no signs of "anti-Americanism." Rather, Schmidt sees it as more of a confrontation over political practice. Bush, according to Schmidt, "understands politics on personal friendships." Schröder, on the

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Dr. Werner Schmidt

other hand, "does not believe in political friendships."

It is this fact to which Schmidt attributes the cause of the development of mutual animosity that each country possesses towards the other. Schröder "did not expect Bush to be so annoyed," Schmidt explained at the end of his discussion.

"I don't think we will see Schröder in Washington for the next few years and I don't think we will see Bush in Berlin either."

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 21 - Injured Student - A student stepped on a needle in a room in Taylor Hall. The student was transported to the campus Health Center.

Oct. 21 - Fire Alarm - The fog machine used in the Trexler Pavilion for the production of Into The Woods triggered a fire alarm in the Center for the Arts.

Oct. 22 - Assist Outside Agency - Campus Safety located a student with outstanding city parking tickets for Allentown Police.

Oct. 23 - Vandalism to

Vehicle - A car parked in the 2500 block of Liberty Street was found with a broken window. An attempt was also made to remove the stereo.

Oct. 23 - Theft - A cellular phone was reported stolen from Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house. It has not been recovered.

Oct. 24 - Injured Visitor - A visitor received a laceration to the head in a racquetball court in the Life Sports Center. The individual was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78.

Oct. 25 - Theft - A large amount of inventory was stolen from a vending machine in the Center for the Arts.

Oct. 25 - Vandalism - The plexiglass window in the East archway was smashed by a non-student. The individual was issued a letter of trespass.

Oct. 25 - Motor Vehicle Accident - An M.W. Wood employee driving a Ryder rental truck was involved in an accident with a delivery vehicle in the faculty and staff parking lot.

- Injured Student - A student reported having back spasms in the lower back in the Life Sports Center. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Oct. 25 - Sexual Assault - A non-student reported being sexually assaulted by a student in a campus residence hall. The accused individual was suspended pending the outcome of a Judicial Board hearing.

Oct. 26 - Vandalism - Several trees outside the South and Robertson fire lane were found with limbs and tops cut off.

Oct. 25 - Theft - A fluorescent green 18-speed mountain bike was reported stolen from Parents' Plaza. The bike was found at the owner's house.

Oct. 26 - Disorderly Conduct - Two students, Myles Bolling '04 and Steven Doll '03 were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct at 323 N. 22nd Street.

Oct. 27 - Injured Student - A student fell in Prosser Hall and was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at I-78. The student received bruises to the face and shoulders and lost a tooth.

Oct. 25 Oct. 27 - Motor Vehicle

Accident - A campus safety vehicle hit another campus safety vehicle parked on Prosser Drive.

Oct. 27 - Sick Visitor - A visitor reported feeling numbness and tingling in Moyer Hall. The individual refused transport by Campus Safety.

Oct. 27 - Injured Employee - An M.W. Wood employee received a nosebleed in Seegers Union. The individual refused medical treatment.

Oct. 27 - Suspicious Persons - Two individuals were reported being loud in the Trexler Library.

Oct. 28 - Vandalism - Five Muhlenberg College light pole flags were pulled down.

Oct. 28 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A car parked in the Center for the Arts parking lot was found with a broken radio antenna.

Oct. 29 - Vandalism - Several apples were thrown against the door of a room in Prosser Hall.

Upcoming Chapel Events

Friday, Nov. 1	Day of the Dead Altar—All Day in Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 3	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel—Bilingual Service
	2:30 PM Snack & Study at ChapelHouse
	6:00 PM FaithWorks at ChapelHouse
	7:00 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Nov. 5	7:00 PM Worship Band in Chapel
	9:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel
	10:00 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Nov. 6	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

The ChapelHouse is located at 2206 Chew Street.

If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

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life!**"Life is like mirror; we get the best results
when we smile at it."****-Unknown****Question of the
Week:****What's your guilty pleasure?**

"Saving IM
conversations and
reading them over
again."

-Gabby Morrison '05

"Wawa trips at 4 a.m.
for pepperoni and
cheese."

-Jeffrey Kraft '05



"Playing tag with
Ronny."

-Tony Trimboli '04

"Eating cheese."

-Marc Weinrich '05



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René Lavand gives a unique performance

"Life is a marked deck shuffled by the hands of God," said Lavand in a prophetic moment during his performance.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

By LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Staff Writer

Renowned magician René Lavand performed his show "Magic From the Soul" as part of the continuing "Theory of Art and Magic Series." Dr. Larry Hass opened last Wednesday's show with an introduction welcoming Lavand as a "master performer." Coming from Tandil, Argentina, Lavand used the assistance of a translator to speak with the audience. While there was clearly a language barrier, Lavand used performance techniques and humor that transcended this wall. Lavand's translator stated that he would not translate during much of the actual performance; this distraction could take away the beauty of the art.

Lavand's specialty is card tricks. At age nine, Lavand lost usage of his right hand in an automobile accident. Thus, as a "one-handed card magician," Lavand's performance is especially unique. Lavand's magic is truly his own, as he has redefined traditional sleight of hand tricks in order to suit his abilities.

Throughout the evening, Lavand told many stories. When the translator stumbled a bit over words, he laughed, "I try to memorize, but then he changes his stories on me." In addition to being an entertaining magician, Lavand is a fasci-

ferent rhythms. He would do the trick slower to show the audience every single step, and then he would do it faster. This proved that the speed was irrelevant. Lavand never faltered.

Lavand's most interesting trick is when he uses no hands at all. After shuffling the cards, Lavand asked Dr. Hass to pick a card from the deck. After looking at the card, and showing it to the audience, Hass placed the card back into the deck, and then placed the deck in Lavand's jacket pocket. Lavand then asked Hass to reach into his pocket and pull out the card, explaining that the card would make itself separate from the deck. Amazingly, Hass reached into Lavand's pocket, and pulled out the selected card.

According to Dr. Hass, Max Maven commented on Lavand's performance "[that] the most amazing thing is that he does it with only one hand." Lavand's performance is truly stun-



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PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

nating storyteller. Issuing words of wisdom and little bits of insight throughout the night, Lavand commented, "Life is a marked deck shuffled by the hands of God."

After Lavand performed each card trick, he would repeat it several times in dif-

ferent rhythms. From his one-handed shuffling to his elegant tricks and beautiful stories, Lavand not only thoroughly entertains, but mystifies the audience. All were delighted by Lavand's performance and thanked him with roaring applause and a standing ovation.

The strength and creativity of *Women Artists: Past and Present* comes to the Martin Art Gallery

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Women Artists: Past and Present, the latest exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery of the Center for the Arts, opened with a gala reception. Some of the contemporary artists were even on hand for the opening, which was on Oct. 24.

Visitors perused some of the pieces before Jennifer Olson Rudenko, the curator, began her gallery talk. Rudenko, a guest curator of the College from the El Paso Museum of Art in El Paso, TX, gave a brief overview of some of the pieces on display, and imparted extremely interesting facts about the pieces—the girl in Françoise Gilot's lithograph *Girl with a Crown* represents her daughter, Paloma.

The art on display traces different movements and the changing issues facing

women artists from 1875 through the present in painting, sculpture, photography and printmaking. Works are from the College's permanent art collection and public and private collections.

Faith Ringgold's color lithograph, *The Sunflower Quilting Bee at Arles*, is a featured piece. The piece, portraying famous women in Black History at a quilting bee in Van Gogh's garden in Arles, combines Feminist Heritage and African-American Heritage.

According to Ringgold, the women piece together freedom, creating a bond between the history of art and contemporary art. The women, including Sojourner Truth, Ida Wells, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks, ignore Van Gogh.

Mary Cassatt, Violet Oakley, Imogen Cunningham and Gilot are some of the artists whose work is part of the exhibit.



Visitors to the Martin Art Gallery view the *Women Artists: Past and Present* exhibit. The pieces in the gallery relate to different movements and issues relating to women in all facets of life.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFISKY

Into the Woods evokes bounding laughter with dark humor

By RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

Tales of damsels in distress and heaven-bound beanstalks always ended on the highest of notes. In fairy tales, lovers married, the poor attained their duly sought wealth and characters lived happily ever after. Yet, the College's recreation of Broadway's hit musical *Into the Woods*, directed by Brian Cordeiro, forces grown-up viewers who were once callow youths to re-think their fairy tale ideals.

The play unites well-known fairy tales into one complicated adventure. The fairy tales in the play are centrally linked to the Baker and his wife, played by Phil Haas '05 and Melissa Egan '04. The Baker and his wife are childless, and the evil witch who lives next door (Catherine Maverick Shoetz '03), orders the Baker to attain four essential items to lift a family curse. In search of these spell-breaking articles, the Baker embarks into the woods at the same time as Jack (Zachary Einstein



Jenny Lynn Peters and Shannon Lambert-Ryan portray Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella in *Into the Woods*.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFISKY

'03), Cinderella (Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03), Little Red Riding Hood (Jenny Lynn Peters '05), and two Prince Charmings (Joseph Stefanelli '05 and George Psomas '05) who are in pursuit of their own happy dreams.

In random meetings with each other, a "mysterious man" (John Ramsey), a wooden cow on wheels, and Rapunzel (Jessica Kaufman '05), chaos and hilarity

ensue.

The entertainment quality of *Into the Woods* lies entirely with the cast and their props. Shoetz as the witch on more than one occasion steals the show with her great ability to master the rapping rhyme. She has an amazing talent for rapidly transmuting her scratchy, scary witch voice to one of strong musical vibrato. Her performance was one of the strongest in

and Miriam Schapiro also have pieces on display.

Chicago and Schapiro established the Feminist Art Program at the California Institute of Arts in Valencia. They did a lot to elevate women's craft to higher art in a time when women artists were not even included in art history survey courses.

Chicago's *The Birth Certificate*, a decorated "show towel" based in Pennsylvania Dutch and German tradition, is part of the exhibit as is Schapiro's collage *In the Land of Ooo Bla Dee: Homage to Mary Lou Williams*. The collage is dedicated to the woman who recorded the song of the same title in 1946. Schapiro felt the song epitomized the struggles of the feminists, such as the women's liberation movement and the fight for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Glenna Goodacre has three bronze sculptures on display, all from the National Irish Memorial Monument. *Irish Madonna*, *Famine* and *An Gorta Mor* depict the Irish Potato Famine; they will be part of the Monument located at Penn's Landing along the Delaware River in Philadelphia. Goodacre created the Vietnam Women's Memorial, part of the Mall in Washington D.C., as well as the image of Sacajawea on the U.S. gold dollar coin. Contemporary artists including Harra Sandrow, Lydia Panas and Andrea Korff also have works in the exhibit.

Dr. Lori Verderame, Director of Art History, spoke about the similarities of the issues women grapple with today as compared to their late 19th century counterparts. The exhibit can be seen until Jan. 17.

the show.

Psomas and Stefanelli as princes are pompous and bombastic fools whose woes and agonies center on women in need of rescue. The two actors hilariously prance on the stage upon wooden horse-sticks, and they are amusing and bumbling idiots critically unsatisfied by love and driven by lust.

Peters' Little Red Riding Hood is sickeningly sweet, yet she has a murderous edge of vivacity. Haas and Egan possess strong on-stage chemistry, and their

characters emerge as the most motivated and charismatic characters on stage. Each actor's singing was breathtakingly beautiful. One audience member said that when she closed her eyes, she felt like she was at a Broadway musical.

Into the Woods was energetic and dark, yet hilarious. The cast's talent culminated in a funny and catchy musical that not only reminds the adult audience of youthful adventures in enchanted forests, but also of the great fears threaded through fairy tale dreams.

A group with potential: July for Kings plays with unmistakable charisma

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Weekly Staff Writer

A tall, gawky guy clad in studded black jeans and a black t-shirt strolled into the packed lounge of South Hall last Sunday night to an awaiting crowd. To his right was a more conservative incarnation of rock: the back-up guitar player. They smiled at the people on the floor, in the doorway and camped on the stairs as they apologized for their late arrival.

The two were not random townies that decided to spend the night with the college folk, but rather two of the members of the up-and-coming rock quintet, July for Kings. The Residence Hall Associates coordinated the brief acoustic show with less than a week's notice, and it was first in a hopefully full future lineup.

The two members of the group sat patiently during their introduction from local resident DJ, Chris from WZZO, who is a personal fan of the group. They began playing a few tracks that followers of the band hummed in unison, including "Start Over," which was one of the more melodic and breezy tunes of the night.



July for Kings filled South's lounge with rich rock music last Sunday night. The Kings' new album will be released Nov. 5.

PHOTO BY JOANNA BZIK

The first single off of their soon-to-be-released album, *Swim*, is perhaps their most popular of the night's play list. "Normal Life," had a crisp yet soft feel to both the sound and the lyrics. The overall sound is very full and deep.

Among some of the other songs they performed, there was a definite sense of capriciousness in their approach. Whether it was remembering an old girlfriend who was miles away or eulogizing a 1990 Buick LeSabre that had died after a car trip to Memphis,

Tenn., they did not draw the line between storytelling and rock 'n roll.

Just as every good band knows how to capture an audience, July had also mastered this fine art. The wonderful interaction between the front man and a female-dominated crowd was instrumental in holding the listeners for the length of their set.

If you missed July for Kings last Sunday night, they will be heading to various colleges all over the country on the You Saw It First tour. Their album comes out this Nov. 5.

The Civic Theatre provides viewers with various art forms

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Where in the Lehigh Valley can you see foreign language films, independent films, classic Greek Tragedy and Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in the same space? The Civic Theatre, or 19th Street Theatre, is home to all this and more.

The Civic Theatre is a non-profit community arts center committed to bringing the best in theater, arts education, music and film to the Lehigh Valley area. Civic Theatre currently makes its home in the 19th Street Theatre, a vaudeville/movie house from the 1920's that has preserved its art-deco style since it opened during the Allentown Fair of 1928.

Each year the Civic Theatre has six new productions as well as *A Christmas Carol*, a Civic Theatre tradition that is performed every December. *The Rocky Horror Show* has already completed its run, but *A Christmas Carol*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Medea*, *The Hobbit*, *The Miracle Worker* and *School for Scandal* will be opening throughout the year. The casts are chosen through open auditions; Muhlenberg students are welcome.

Lauren Scattolini '05 was involved in last year's production of James Joyce's *The Dead*. "It was a great experience to work with people who aren't necessarily involved with education," Scattolini said. "It's a great way to branch out."

Despite the twelve hour change over required to remove the set of the latest show and lower the movie screen, films are also shown in the theater. In amongst the productions, Civic Theatre runs its 19th Street Film Series--collections of foreign films and independent films that are typically not shown in mainstream theaters. Past films include *Amélie*, *In the Bedroom*, *Memento*, *Boys Don't Cry* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

The films are chosen by a committee of volunteers; many of them were among the original hundred that took over the film series when it became non-profit a decade ago. The Autumn Series, which runs from October through November, began Oct. 20, with *Read My Lips*, a French thriller. The series continues with *Mostly Martha*, a German romantic comedy and *8 Women*, a French farce. *Igby Goes Down*, featuring Susan Sarandon and Kieran Culkin, is the final film; it opens Nov. 9.

The Civic Theatre School provides theater classes for children in grades K-12, as well as specialized classes such in Audition Techniques, Shakespeare, Set Design and Stage Lighting for high school students.

The Civic Theatre also has its own concert series. The next musical extravaganza, *A Bernstein Celebration*, is Sat., March 15 at 3p.m. It will highlight the music of Leonard Bernstein, composer of *West Side Story* and *Candide*. It is worth investigating.

Frank-N-Furter seduces Allentown at the Civic Theatre

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

The Civic Theater of Allentown presented Richard O'Brien's cult-classic *The Rocky Horror Show*; a musical that was a campy and crude display of lust and drugs. The show, performed on the days of Oct. 4 through Oct. 19, was intriguing.

The musical is based on the cult film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. The "B" film was meant to be a spoof on the classic *Frankenstein*

movie. The story is of a star struck couple, Brad and Janet, who end up turning to a castle for help when their tire blows out. It turns into all-out madness when the owner of the castle appears and brings to life his new playmate. What ensues is a raunchy, sexy and overall amazing show.

The cast of this production did a fantastic job at bringing those feelings and that sense of crudeness to the stage. Robert Callen and Kate Oswalt (Brad and Janet) are perfect for the

parts. Callen is exactly the innocent and naïve character he should be and Oswalt makes a tremendous transition from shy to sultry. Lenny Leibowitz's direction of these two was impeccable.

Things really start to heat up with the introduction of Frank Roccasanto. Tim Curry, the original Frank in the 1975 movie, would have been proud. Roccasanto had the perfect amount of maliciousness, yet was still loveable.

Casting for the other roles was excellent as well. The supporting actors and actresses were sensual, beautiful and at some points downright scary.

Overall this was a splendid production. The Civic Theater seems to be now exploring broader areas. One season ticket holder said that a letter was sent to all season ticket holders as a sort of warning that this season of shows was much unlike anything they had done--as it surely was, with great results.

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Mules looking to kick Ursinus Bears into early hibernation

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such a great year that defenses are keying in on him, making it easier on me." Like Mercuri, Shay also finished the day with 75 receiving yards.

The Mules defense held Gettysburg quarterback Joe Gossweiler, then reigning offensive player of the week, to 66 total yards. In Gossweiler's second collegiate start, one week before he faced Muhlenberg, he scored two touchdowns, ran for 121 yards, and passed for an additional 120.

One behind Beau Sherry in tackles, outside linebacker Keith Van Fleet swarmed the Bullets offense to earn ten tackles, including a sack. "We knew they are an outside-oriented team," said Van Fleet. "They like to run the option because they have a very

elusive quarterback. Basically what we tried to do was give him his room. A couple times we got hurt because we hit him too early. He's a young quarterback who doesn't play very conservative, so we tried to let him bring the ball to us and make him option the ball. Playing like this requires a lot of discipline, but more teamwork. My job this weekend was to not attack initially, make him stutter, and give time for the defensive backs to come in and stop the play."

The closest Gettysburg approached to scoring on the stubborn Mule defense came late in the third quarter.

After pushing 66 yards on nine plays to the Muhlenberg seven-yard line, the Bullets met an entrenched Mule defense on fourth down. Gettysburg ran an option to the surprised Muhlenberg right side.

"It was definitely a weird call on Gettysburg's part, especially in their situation," recalled Van Fleet. Senior quarterback Jordan Wright forced a fumble recovered by defensive end Tyler Cathey, ending the Gettysburg threat.

Saturday Muhlenberg travel to face the Ursinus Bears. Last year, in a statistically even contest, the 6-2

Mules clipped Ursinus 23-20, dropping the Bears Conference record to 2-3 and their overall one to 4-4. Ursinus generated sixteen first downs, 109 rushing, and 216-yards passing during their 31:28 possession of the ball.

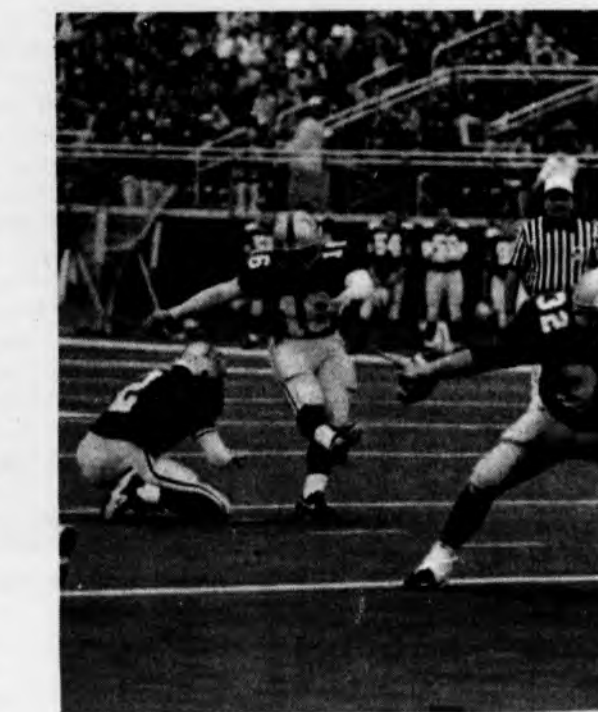
Similarly, the Mules finished with thirteen first downs, 139 rushing, and 205-yards passing throughout their 28:32 term with the ball.

Following a stagnant third quarter, and trailing 23-7, the Bears clawed back for two fourth quarter touchdowns to bring them within three points of Muhlenberg.

With the ball on their own twenty and a 1:18 left to play, the Bears threat was stifled by Mike Koth and Nick Otranto sacks, and a defense that forced an intentional grounding penalty.

Outscored 61-122 in out-of-Conference games this season, the Bears experience similar treatment from in-Conference foes, accumulating 60 points and surrendering 127.

Van Fleet cautions against overlooking the last place Ursinus Bears. "They play us tough down there. They're definitely struggling this season, but a hungry team with nothing to lose can be dangerous. I think we realize this so we're not



Senior Chris Reed kicks for his Centennial Conference record-breaking field goal.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

going to let off at all. A hard physical game can be expected."

"They've had a rough year so far," agrees Mercuri. "But first place McDaniel almost got knocked off by them, so their record is not a good indication of how good or what kind of team they are."

"When we last played there, we were inhibited by a straight crosswind right

across the field," said a concurring Blankenhagen. "They put four guys in the box against us, so we have to come out early and establish the run. They run the exact same defense as Gettysburg, so I think the key again will be to go right at them, especially in case the weather is anything like it was two years ago."

Kickoff for the Ursinus game is set for Saturday.

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Playoffs within reaching distance for Mules

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another exciting Saturday game, which both teams were up for and played tough. Kristen Bruschi and Laura Diez came up with the two big goals of the game in order to get the job done, but it was an overall great team effort."

Having eight days remaining in the regular season, the teams in the Centennial Conference are racing to the finish to see who will fill the spots to compete in the playoffs. The Mules are scheduled to play against the last two teams in the conference standings, which should

place them on top, with a contest against Johns Hopkins in between. McDaniel and Franklin & Marshall compete this week to decide the first place team.

Although Johns Hopkins defeated the Mules last year 0-1, the Mules have improved tremendously this season. Even though the Blue Jays are ranked second, the Mules still have a chance to come out on top with the way they've been playing.

"We are looking to finish the season strong with our last three games," exclaimed Coach Stuckel.

Men's soccer creeps toward post-season

By BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

With two victories this week, the Muhlenberg men's soccer team slid closer to grabbing the fourth and final playoff spot in the Centennial Conference. They defeated non-conference opponent, Delaware Valley 6-0 on Tuesday and followed on Saturday by knocking off Swarthmore 2-0.

In their first game on Tuesday, Muhlenberg took advantage of a struggling Aggies squad that had only won three games prior to Tuesday's contest. The Mules exploded for 28 shots,

netting six of them and going on to route the Aggies in a contest that proved to be a breather for the Mules, who have not played a team with a record below .500 since September 13.

Five different Mules scored in the game, including two goals from Senior Mike Hochkeppel who found the net at the start of each half. Junior goalie Brendan McKeown recorded eight saves and notched his first career shutout.

On Saturday, the Mules traveled to Swarthmore to face the 5-10-1 Garnet. Sophomore Tim Sparta scored in his third straight game after his shot in the

sixth minute slid through the goalies legs and found the back of the net. To secure the victory in the second half, Senior David Vassilaros scored in the 66th minute. His goal marked the twelfth in the last three games for the Mules who had only scored fourteen goals in their first fifteen games. The Mules out shot the Garnet 13-5 en route to their third straight victory and fifth win in the conference.

Currently, Muhlenberg sits in fourth place in the Conference and can grab the final playoff spot in the event of another Dickinson loss.

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Shorewomen unsure against Muhlenberg womens' soccer

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The Lady Mules soccer had an astonishing game this weekend against Washington. The Mules pounded Washington in a 6-1 contest, breezing to their sixth straight win and dropping Washington's overall record to 7-10. The Mules (10-6, 7-1) have won nineteen consecutive Centennial Conference home games and have reached double digits in wins in each of the past six seasons. Junior Dawn Iberer netted the contest's first goal, assisted by classmate Courtney Levine, in the thirteenth minute of the game. Iberer tied the school record with her 44th career goal. In addition, she became the second player in team history with one hundred career points.

On a pass from Iberer, Sophomore Rebecca Armstrong tallied her first goal of the game 23 minutes into the first half, which initiated her scoring streak and her first career hat trick. Armstrong is the twelfth woman to post a hat trick in Muhlenberg women's soccer history.

With a few seconds remaining in the first half, Washington Senior Betty Weller squirted a shot past Senior Kim Laurino that prohibited the Mules from tying a school record of five consecutive shutouts. Emerging strongly in the second half, Junior Courtney ripped an explosive shot past the Shorewomen's goalie. Shortly afterwards, Freshman Amy Schmidt delivered the ball to Armstrong, enabling her to send her second screaming shot past the Shorewomen. Armstrong's second goal of the second half came about nine minutes later off an assist from Levine. Levine left the game with two assists and one goal. Dictating the pace of the game, the Mules made a goalie substitution. Towards the end of the second half, the Mules offense was successful once again, as Freshman Lara Swanson scored her first career goal off a pass sent by Sophomore Jenn Arrow.

The Mules, along with Franklin & Marshall, have kept their winning streak at a constant, already clinching their playoff spot. Because they already defeated Ursinus on Monday night, the Mules need to defeat Centenary (N.J.), in order to host the CC playoffs for the second consecutive year. Also contenders in the playoffs are Haverford and McDaniel. With their Monday night 2-0 win over Ursinus, the Mules improved their record to 11-6, 8-1. Sophomore Rebecca Armstrong had both goals of the contest. The first goal, 13:12 into the game, was off a pass delivered by Junior Courtney Levine. The second goal, also in the first half, was attributed to another pass assisted by Levine.

The Mules are up against Centenary this weekend, who they flattened last season 6-1, to decide whether the Mules will host the CC Championships once again. In addition to the team's success, Senior goalie Kim Laurino was named to the CC Academic Honor Roll. Laurino is one of two Muhlenberg students to receive this honor.



A Muhlenberg soccer player forces her way through a tandem of Shorewomen.

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apologizes for the
misspelling of David
Wiswell's name in the
Oct. 24 issue.

Volleyball bumped out twice in tournament

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Weekly Sports Writer

Now ranked fifth in the Centennial Conference, the Lady Mules volleyball team (13-20) played in the Carnegie Mellon Tournament on Friday and Saturday this past weekend. The Mules were defeated in both contests, 3-0 by Carnegie Mellon and lost by the same score to Gettysburg.

Despite the Lady Mules not having their best weekend, the Mules individually succeeded. Senior Dana Ferrelli became the program's all-time leader in digs. Ferrelli recorded 37 digs in the four matches, increasing her career total to

1,219 -- six more than Kimberly Maurer compiled from 1995-98. Ferrelli broke the record by posting eleven digs against Gettysburg in the tournament finale. Ferrelli recorded her 900th career dig as well.

Another highlight of the tournament was Senior Meaghan Billie becoming the first player in team history to record 300 kills in each of three seasons. With a team-best 41 kills in four matches, Billie upped her season total to 338. She had 344 in 2000 and 348 last year. Billie has 1,284 career kills and has an outside shot at breaking the school record of 1,336 in the Mules' two remaining matches.

Senior co-captain Maria Poluka acted as a pivotal defender for the Mules, recording over 30 digs for the weekend.

Eleven of these occurred in the game against Lycoming alone. Senior Jennifer Leigh also chipped in, and finished the weekend with twenty-three digs overall.

Lisa Giammalvo, a senior as well, finished the weekend just shy of ten blocks, with twenty-three kills and twenty-one digs.

Freshmen setter Emily Reardon totaled almost 100 assists for the weekend, and classmate Julie Lauro finished with 31 kills, sixteen of which were in the Gettysburg game alone.

Profile of a Mule -- Uniszkievicz leads Mules to championship

BY MATT FLEISSIG
Weekly Sports Writer

After extensive knee surgery, Junior Robert Uniszkievicz has come back to try and help lead the Mules cross country team to their first ever NCAA Regional Qualifier.

As a child, Robert was always incredibly competitive, but he was not big enough to play football, so he turned his attention to running. Uniszkievicz joined the cross-country team at Hillsborough High School in New Jersey, where

he holds the record for the two-mile run, running it in a blistering time of 9:32.

Unfortunately for Robert, his high school cross-country career was cut short because of knee problems. Uniszkievicz spent part of his freshman year at Muhlenberg on crutches recovering from surgery.

Rob is now currently pain-free and running faster than he ever has. He now competes in the eight-kilometer cross-country race for the Mules.

Uniszkievicz's fastest recorded time was at the



Rob Uniszkievicz.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

DeSales Invitational last week, earned a time of 25:55, which comes out to an average speed of five minutes and fourteen seconds per mile.

In the Invitational, Uniszkievicz placed second out of a 275-contender field, barely losing to the fourteenth-ranked Division II cross country runner in the nation.

Unlike other athletes who have pasta the night before an event, this does not seem to work for Uniszkievicz, who instead eats Burger King. Uniszkievicz will be

attending Drexel Medical after he graduates from Muhlenberg and plans on running experiments on Burger King as healthy priming for race preparation.

Rob is currently majoring in Biology and Philosophy and hopes to get into pediatrics once he becomes a doctor.

Uniszkievicz was named on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll. To be able to get this honor one must be a starter, sophomore or higher, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or better.

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Mules Bullet-proof against Gettysburg for third consecutive year

Reed re-writes Conference field goal record

BY CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

Victorious in their Family Weekend campaign, the Muhlenberg football company blanked the Bullets of Gettysburg 41-0, marking the first time in team history the Mules battered a scoreless opponent by the same margin in three consecutive years.

Enlisting eleven points against his Centennial Conference rivals was kicker Chris Reed, who set a Conference record for field goals in a season with thirteen and extended his school extra point record to 35 straight. The offensive front mugged a younger Gettysburg defense for 424 total yards, twenty-two yards shy of doubling their

opponent's output.

"We were up against a lot of freshmen and sophomores who were considerably smaller than us," offensive tackle John Blankenhagen explained. "We're a pretty experienced group, so we were able to push them all over the field." Tailback Matt Bernardo led the Muhlenberg ground strike, marching thirty-two times for two touchdowns and a season-high 179-yard performance. His 97-yards in the first half totaled more than the entire Gettysburg team until that point, and left Bernardo in position to secure his fourth successive 100-yard plus game and in turn the Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Quarterback Justin Jones helped balance the offense, landing his first eight passes and finishing the game with 177-yards. Five of his twelve connections were to Alfredo Mercuri, whose 51-yard scoring reception brought Muhlenberg an early second quarter seventeen-point lead. The twenty-yard pass and subsequent yards-after also marked Mercuri's third straight game with a touchdown.

"I just ran a little ten-yard in-route," explicates Mercuri, "cut over to about the twelve, and Justin had put it right there on the money. All I had to do was catch it and run. Kodi [Shay] has been having



Scranton native Keith Van Fleet sniffs out scrambling Gettysburg quarterback Joe Gossweller.

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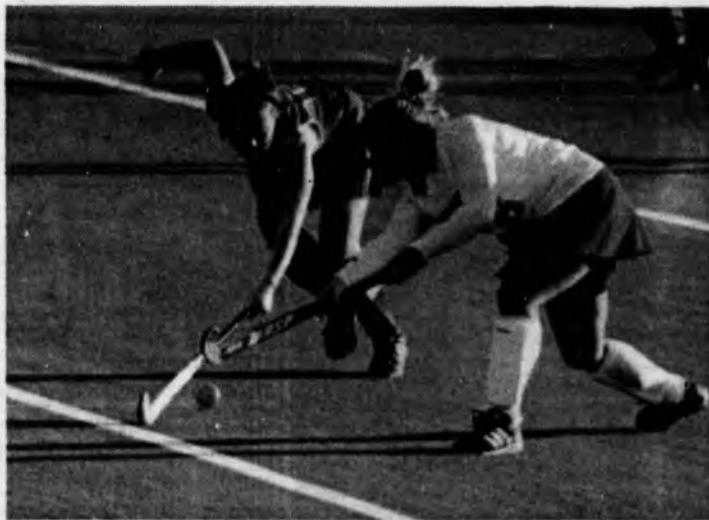
'Berg field hockey take 'Burg 2-1 and bring themselves to 11-5

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

Playing before a Family Weekend crowd, the Mules field hockey notched another win in a 2-1 decision against the Gettysburg Bullets, improving their record to 11-5. Into the first half, 3:16, Sophomore Kristen Bruschi scored on an assist by Senior Holly Pico.

The goal gave Bruschi her then team-leading thirteenth of the season. The two points also provided Bruschi with 30 for the season, making her the eighth player in team history to complete that mark.

Just after Bruschi put the Mules in the lead, Lisa Giljam ripped a shot outside of the circle that seemed to have been handled before hitting the cage, therefore, the goal was not permissible and the Mules sustained a 1-0 lead. The lead stood for most of the contest, as the Mules



A spirited Andrea Seabright tries to filing the ball past an attentive Bullet.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

defense did not allow the Bullets to take any shots the whole first half. Even though Gettysburg held a nine

to four advantage in penalty corners, they had no shots.

Senior Josephine Fasolino was able to block a shot by Katie Hopkins, but Junior Carrie Brown took the rebound and scored the lone goal for the Bullets at the 60:13 mark in the game. The Mules

that they were able to gain the lead with.

With 2:28 left in the second half, Senior Laura Diez hit a screaming shot off a rebound from the left side of the net giving the Mules a 2-1 win over defending Centennial Conference Champion Gettysburg. This goal was Diez's third goal of the season. The Mules finally brought home a home game winner after not having a winning home game in nearly a month.

Coach Stuckel said, "It was

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outshot Gettysburg seventeen to eight. The Bullets had seven straight penalty corners but none

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Low student survey response

BY CHRISTINA LICIAGA
Weekly News Writer

The Office of the President and the Board of Trustees made a special attempt to reach out to students, faculty and staff to obtain their opinions on the College's climate through a recent campus-wide survey. Out of the more than 2000 surveys sent out to students, 123 were returned, yielding a response rate of slightly more than six percent.

Out of 25 randomly selected students questioned, none had completed the survey, although several mentioned intentions of completing the survey consisting of 75 questions or more.

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Contraceptives on campus

BY LAUREN WIESNER AND
WENDY EICHLER
News Editors

Recent subtle changes in the Health Center

have brought public attention and investigation into the policies and awareness of contraceptive measures for students. Missing from the walls of the Health Center was a flyer advertising for the Planned Parenthood Shoppe with ambiguous wording regarding the availability of birth control. Once the wording was brought to the attention of several students last week, the Health Center removed the poster until corrections could be made by Planned Parenthood. The absence of the flyer led concerned students to investigate the stance of the College on contraceptive issues.

The Health Center offers female students gynecological exams on an appointment basis and provides male and female condoms and information on abortion, adoption and safe sex. However, all other contraceptive measures are not available on campus, and students requesting addi-

"I know the system in place works. We need to be informed of [student dissatisfaction]. I can't fix a system that I'm not aware is broken."

Sam Miranda

Allentown, the student finally obtained the emergency contraceptive after a long wait.

According to Miranda, the Health Center is unaware of this incident and any feelings of dissatisfaction. "It's never been a problem, at least that has been brought to our attention," he said. "I know the system in place works. We need

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Political debate tailed by election

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

Just one week prior to the elections that took place across the country on Nov. 5, Republican Congressman Pat Toomey and Democratic challenger Ed O'Brien took part in a last minute debate hosted by the College in Miller Forum on Oct. 29.

The debate, which was filmed live, was aired on public access television to Lehigh Valley residents making up the fifteenth congressional district of Pennsylvania.

The debate allotted each speaker with three minutes of opening comments followed by three minutes to respond to each question posed by moderator Christopher Borick, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

Toomey began the night by explaining that he feels a debate is a "very helpful exercise" to help the voters understand each candidate's platform. Toomey continued on by stating that the three things he feels are of most importance now in our country are a strong economy, national security and social security.

O'Brien spoke out strongly in his opening statement when he attacked Toomey's efforts as congressman over the past four years. "I believe our nation deserves a representative who will represent," he directed firmly towards Toomey.

The first question framed to the candidates asked for

Dancing all night at Jewbilee for Israeli help

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Helping to raise money for victims of terrorism in Israel, students danced all night at the Jewbilee on Nov. 2. The event was conceived and put together by the all-student Hillel Social Committee made up of Jordana Jaffe '04, Mike Saratovsky '04 and Cheryl Wortzel '04.

All students from the College as well as students from Lehigh University, Lafayette College and Cedar Crest College were invited to attend the semi-formal Jewbilee event.

"It was a great time," said Kimi Zafran '05. "Everyone got to meet a lot of new people, especially those from the other schools."

All of the work for the event was accomplished through the Hillel organizations of Muhlenberg College,

Lehigh University and Lafayette College.

Cedar Crest College students participated, though they do not have a Hillel organization on their campus.

"This is the first event of its kind between the schools but has been an idea for the past few years," said Saratovsky.

Student Council funded the Jewbilee, and Hillel was able to get a Bar Mitzvah band called The Montage Orchestra to perform at the event to create a traditional Jewish celebrational atmosphere.

"At the beginning of the night, there was a traditional hora (a circular dance) and then a chair lifting ceremony," said Saratovsky.



Students dance at the Jewbilee on Saturday.

PHOTO BY SARAH BARON

The other schools helped provide

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The importance of access to contraception

SINCE THE START OF THE FALL SEMESTER, THERE HAS been a quiet yet noticeable change in the College's outlook, if not policy, toward contraception. While college officials maintain that there has been no deliberate change in policy, this may not be the key to the issue. The central focus must be, rather, the lack of policy. The question in hand is, to what extent is the College responsible for birth control and contraception? In the opinion of The Weekly Editorial Board, the College must strive to safeguard both the students and the College Community.

When taking into consideration the epidemic proportions sexually transmitted diseases have reached, the availability of contraception is vital to community interests.

Given the emotional ramifications and social stigma attached to seeking contraception, a less-than-visible distribution location to gain access to contraception is tantamount to its very unavailability.

The Weekly implores the College's health services to cease skirting the issue of contraception and recognize its importance as a means to prevent the spread of disease. Currently,

contraception and information on abortion, adoption and safe sex are located in the self-care center. The self-care center is located within the Health Center, past the waiting room and reception desk. Given the emotional ramifications and social stigma attached to seeking contraception, a less-than-visible distribution location to gain access to contraception is tantamount to its very unavailability.

One possible solution to remedy this problem would be the relocation of the self-care center to the lobby area of the Health Center, where members of the College Community could readily access contraception--without the implicit screening process of gaining access to its current location. The Weekly is hopeful, however, that the College will take an active role in formulating a clear policy for the benefit of the College Community and all of its members.

The success of awareness



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audience. After hearing the word "disability," he asks people to respond with what comes to mind. Some of the answers that Henry received were "pity," "useless," "weak" and "pathetic." All of these words drip with negative connotations. Before Disabilities Awareness Week many might have thought the same words, but I hope that you have walked away from the week with a different perspective. After Henry had finished his speech, he played the

same game again. The words "disability" generated were "strong," "survivor," "independent" and "successful."

All of the speakers that were on campus last week have proved themselves as survivors, overcoming any hardship that life has thrown them. Melissa Kubit, class of 2003, is the coordinator of Disabilities Awareness Week. She created the week, not because of her hearing impairment, but because of a time when she was forced to be on crutches and realized what it was like for her to have a physical disability. Due to the apathy she saw in some students when it came to small acts like holding the door, she decided to help raise awareness among the students, to show them what it would be like to have to go through life with either a visible, cognitive, auditory or physical disability.

The old adage, "Don't judge someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes," comes to mind when remembering the events

Capital punishment: is it ethical?

Amy Cookson
Weekly Guest Columnist

The New York Times reported on Sunday that John Muhammad and Lee Malvo could be tried first in Virginia and if convicted both could be executed, despite the fact that Malvo is seventeen and federal law forbids the death penalty for minors convicted of federal offenses.

...I don't believe we teach people not to kill by killing them.

Last week, prosecutors in Maryland brought capital charges against Muhammad and some believe Maryland will be the first state to prosecute. Attorney General John Ashcroft will likely be a great influence in determining which state has primary jurisdic-

tion.

Ashcroft is a strong supporter of capital punishment, and in his twenty months in office he has become one of the strongest supporters of the death penalty since the Supreme Court declared in its 1976 *Gregg v. Georgia* ruling that capital punishment was constitutional. The court ruled that it is not a violation of the Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishments.

In the past two years, the number of state executions has fallen, as has the number of supporters of capital punishment. A 1994 Gallup poll found 80 percent of Americans supported the death

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Smoking: Can't live with it, can't economize without it



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Cigarettes cause cancer. There is no way around it. They make your clothes and hair smell and discolor your fingers

and teeth. They are expensive to buy and are the cause of much anxiety and nervousness. It creates an addiction that some people can't shake, even after years of trying. These statements are extremely blunt, but true. If this is so, then why does the government still allow for the sale of them? The answer is very simple and quite ironic. Our country is addicted. Ever since English settlers learned how to farm the land in

America, we have had a sale of tobacco and tobacco products. It was one of our major exports. Of course back then, there was little to no evidence about the true health effects of tobacco products; however, settlers knew tobacco was marketable. Since that point, tobacco has been a serious staple in the nation's economy.

There are millions of Americans that complain about cigarettes. Groups like

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of the past week. People that normally do not go through life with a disability were able to get first hand accounts of what it is like from those who do. Those that went to the wheelchair basketball game saw Muhlenberg students getting their butts kicked when they got in wheelchairs and tried to take on the wheelchair basketball teams.

Also, not all disabilities can be seen. Learning disabilities are a major focus of the College's Academic Support Office. There are many students at the College who have learning disabilities and they will be the first to tell you that their disability does not define them; it is just one part of

them. If anything, that is the mentality that I hope is taken away from the week.

On a personal note, I am hearing impaired. Over the last twenty years of my life I have lived with my hearing loss, but I have never and will never let it define me. People shouldn't let their disability define them and they shouldn't let others try to define them by it. The only restrictions in life are the ones that you place up on yourself. The point of the week was to remind and educate the College Community about the true nature of disabilities through entertainment and informative activities. I think the message was received.

The Washington, D.C. experience

Sarah Neibler

Weekly Guest Columnist

I realize the elections are over, but how many times over the last month have you heard the phrase, "I'm not going to vote; politics don't affect my life?"

Living and working in Washington has proven to me that nothing could be farther from the truth. Seemingly abstract political decisions that are made at ballot boxes all over the

nation influence hundreds of thousands of people on individual levels every day.

The impending war on Iraq may seem distant to students living in the Lehigh Valley. After all, it is unlikely that even in the event of a ground invasion, any students from the College would be drafted into military service. However, after touring the Pentagon, the reality of war has a much greater impact on me. Seeing the faces of the men and women in uniform who could be deployed

to Iraq make the war have real consequences.

Look also at the structure

Seeing the faces of men and women in uniform who would likely be deployed to Iraq make the war have real consequences.

of the government itself. We all know that new Cabinet officials are appointed with each new

presidential administration.

What I didn't realize until my internship with the Department of Education, is how many people are affected by this reorganization every four or eight years. With every apparently minor adjustment that is made to the government's infrastructure, jobs are gained -- or lost. Seeing people I work with wonder if they will still have the same job responsibilities in a month that they have now has made me realize just how volatile the political

realm can be.

Politics and elections do not just influence "other" people somewhere far away from Allentown. These people have names and families, just like you and me. We cannot afford to think that politics do not directly affect peoples' lives. Decisions you made on election day, and decisions you make as you express your views on the war on Iraq have real consequences; they shape the lives of individual people, not only in Washington, D.C., but all over the nation.

Students must learn time management abilities

Rachel Kleiner

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

When asking college students what their biggest complaint is about school, one of the most common answers will be, "there's just not enough time to get everything done." Muhlenberg College students pride themselves on getting good grades and being involved in a wide range of activities and most students feel that there are just not enough hours in the day to get everything done.

Freshmen especially that enter college wide eyed sometimes feel overwhelmed by papers, tests, and the millions of extra curricular activities in which they are immersed.

Recently I was able to take part in a time management seminar. Part of what was discussed was the breakdown of hours students spend doing various activities. We were asked to think about how many hours a week we spent in classes, studying, eating, sleeping, having free time, etc. After thinking about this for a while, I flipped over the sheet of paper we had been given and was amazed by what the "ideal" numbers of hours was for each of the categories. Each week consists of 168 hours, and out of that 38 hours should be spent studying, based on the 2 1/2 hours per class a student attends. Maybe I am not a typical student but I was shocked when I saw that number, does anyone actually spend that much time studying? This was counterbalanced by the only ten hours available for social and extracurricular activity; I know that personally I spend almost double in that category per

week.

I mulled over this for a while and then realized that I am, in fact, one of those students who complain about never having time to finish my work or write my papers. Now, I do sometimes have a hard time admitting when I am wrong, but in this case the error of my ways seemed obvious. How can anyone complain about not having time when they spend half their day watching TV, chatting on the phone or checking their AIM (not that I partake in any of these activities). If students, such as myself, would merely take a minute

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to realize how much time they are wasting, it would become apparent how much time is available to them. Instead of procrastinating by spending a few hours at GQ, just get

down to business and write that ten-page paper you have been putting off for the entire semester.

The upside to taking some initiative is that once all your work is done there is even more time left to socialize or take a nap if you so choose. Basically, it all comes down to time management. The question that needs to be asked is, "what is most important to me?" and take it from there. If making new friends is the only reason you came to college, then by all means spend every waking second at the frats. For most students getting an education would be on their list somewhere, or at least I hope so. Taking a little time to prioritize can make all the difference, and I speak from experience. My article this week is now completed two days in advance instead of its usual timeslot of Tuesday afternoon (the day it's due). Pretty impressive, right?

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People are dying yet economy is thriving

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the Truth Campaign and countless others wish to abolish the sale of cigarettes; however, they obviously have never taken a basic economics or even a political science class. If, tomorrow, Congress were to say that the sale of cigarettes was illegal, then there would be mass devastation.

Thousands of farmers would be out of work since tobacco is one of the largest cash crops of our nation. It takes years to build a fruitful plantation. These farmers would not just be out of work until another season came. Many have been trained to care only for tobacco. These are men and women with families, bills and other expenses that they would have to neglect since they would now have no source of income.

Also, local areas would have to raise taxes to a new all time high. The tax money that is generated through the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products goes towards many worthy causes. It comes back to the community as block grants for schools, money for homeland security and other beneficial services

for needy recipients. There are other ways of acquiring tax dollars, but smoking brings in such a large amount, it is doubtful that any other method will have the same result.

Another reason, but definitely not the last one, is a reason that is not widely popular and that is population control. Since medicine and other technologies are helping to save lives everyday, and the life expectancy is continually climbing, more and more people are populating the earth. Resources are being used at an all time high and the possibility of replenishing them is getting smaller and smaller. So, if people

want to pay money that will go towards schools, welfare and Medicare, just to kill themselves, let them. I don't know about you, but I really wouldn't want to live in a Charlton Heston-esque, "Soylent Green" world.

I am not advocating smoking. I personally don't; that's my choice. I am also not advocating suicide to help save the world. But our nation needs cigarette sales to survive. Is it possible that the United States could, eventually, wean off of tobacco? Yes, but it will not happen soon.

If, tomorrow, Congress were to say that the sale of cigarettes was illegal, then there would be a mass devastation.

The death penalty: does the punishment fit the crime

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penalty. Last year the number was 68 percent. The Death Penalty Information Center reports that according to a 1993 poll, when given other options for punishment such as life in prison without parole, only 41 percent prefer the death penalty. Clearly, the country is divided over this issue.

As a country, the U.S. is slightly in the minority: 111 countries have abolished the death penalty in law or in practice. Amnesty International provides a list of the 86 countries that retain the death penalty. The U.S. shares that distinction with such estimable nations as China, Congo, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Korea, Libya, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Vietnam. It's quite a party; it even includes President Bush's

Axis of Evil.

I don't support capital punishment. I don't believe it's a deterrent to crime, I don't believe it is the only solution, I don't believe it is not a violation of the Eighth Amendment and I don't believe we teach people not to kill by killing them.

I believe capital punishment is cruel and unusual, but the criminal is not the only one who is punished in those situations.

I believe all this, but I also believe there are some crimes so heinous that the notion of the criminal being simply locked up is sickening.

But then I lost someone, someone very close to me. It was a car accident, so there was no crime, no one to blame or prosecute. But I understand now what loss feels

like and I can't put into words how much it hurts. I would not wish that suffering on anyone and I can't help thinking that even the most vile criminal has a mother or an uncle or a cousin who would grieve at their loss. I believe capital punishment is cruel and unusual, but the criminal is not the only one who is punished in those situations. It's easy to ponder issues in an abstract philosophical way, they often become more black and white. The gray areas are found when we consider the issues on a more concrete personal level.

There is no absolutism. The world is not a black and white place: it is full of gray. I don't expect to change minds with this piece, I only hope that we recognize the gray areas and consider them when determining where we stand.

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Heaps of trash thrown out

BY JUSTIN BUCHBINDER
Weekly News Writer

Garbage bags lie in a pile outside of Seegers Union in an attempt to show the amount of food wasted on campus. Nevertheless, this is not the only problem facing the College. Abundant trash generation and limited

size, so does the amount of waste. "People thought that the use of computers would limit waste. This isn't so," said Begby. "People make multiple copies of their homework and papers, and these extra copies often end up in the trash."

On a day-to-day basis, students also inadvertently hinder recycling efforts.

For example, there are paper-recycling slots in the basement of Seegers Union near the mailboxes.

Unfortunately, students throw random bits of their garbage into these recycling bins. "We don't have the time to sort through the recyclables and remove all of the soda cans and food-stuffs," Begby said, "So when someone throws trash into the recycle bin, that whole bin becomes trash."

This conversion of recycling into trash further

increases the amount of garbage that is generated by the College. This is not beneficial to the environment and also directly affects the student body. The more trash generated, the higher the cost becomes for students. This can be counteracted, however, by an increase in recycling efforts and a decrease in needless waste. One copy of a paper is sufficient; three are excessive. One plate of food that is completely eaten is better than two plates and a lot of wasted leftovers.

This is a problem that the College as a whole must work to alleviate. Raritan and staff cannot do it all. "It's going to take everyone to make a conscientious effort to make recycling successful," Begby stated "We can lower the cost of college for students and help the environment only with everyone's help."

"It's going to take everyone to make a conscientious effort to make recycling successful."

Dick Begby

recycling capacity are other issues that simultaneously affect the environment, the College and the student body.

Dick Begby is in charge of recycling and trash collection at the College. He works in conjunction with Raritan Valley, a local company that collects the trash and recyclables. Each year, as the classes expand in



A student throws trash into a dumpster outside of his dorm.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Survey response counted

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Many of the 25 students complained that the survey was too long and the format too tedious.

Other complaints addressed the limited time given to complete the survey and the overabundance of useless campus wide mailings.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, pointed out

the difficulty of discerning what is really important in what students receive in their mailboxes. "The school keeps filling our mailboxes with more and more paper, how am I supposed to know what's worthwhile and what's not?"

Although all of the 25 randomly selected students had complaints and excuses for not filling out and returning the survey, only one offered constructive critique, encouraging the use of e-mail as an alternative to the large paper-wasting process of campus wide mailings.

E-mail is a better alternative because "all I have to do is click and submit," commented Kathryn Scalzo '04 after describing the pile of "paper-junk-mail" sitting

in her room.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, pointed out that the low return of the campus surveys as well as the limited attendance at listening tours and search committee forums indicate either student apathy or contentment with the

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College.

According to Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, the low return may not even be "significant in a negative sense."

Shiner Wilson points out that there are other ways of measuring student response, especially in the academic arena. She also noted the high value placed on teaching as indicated by semesterly professor evaluations and the high survey return of nearly 40 percent on the part of the faculty.

The Wescoe School students had the highest response rate on the survey. A solid 46 percent of surveys were returned, equal to the sum of the representative 2,500 full time students, faculty and staff who completed the survey.

Speaker discusses planting seeds for future leaders

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

Speaking to students in an open lecture and political science classes about the Seeds of Peace organization and the camp it runs, Barbara Gottschalk, Executive Vice President of Seeds of Peace, spread ideas to the College Community of how to propagate peace around the globe. Gottschalk came to the College as part of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow's Program, a series started in 1973 that seeks to join a liberal arts education with the world beyond the campus.

Seeds of Peace is a non-profit, non-political organization that brings teenagers from areas in conflict together. The teenagers live and play together in the neutral space of a wooded camp in Maine for three weeks. Originally focused on bringing Israeli and Palestinian children together, the camp now unites children from Egypt, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Jordan, Morocco, Qatar, Tunisia, Cyprus, Greece, Afghanistan, Bosnia,



Barbara Gottschalk speaks to a crowd in Lithgow Auditorium.

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Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Yugoslavia.

John Wallach, Foreign Editor of the Hearst Newspapers, founded Seeds of Peace in 1993. Wallach felt disillusioned with the leaders of Israel and Palestine. He began Seeds of Peace hoping to create new leaders more sympathetic to the position of their opposition.

Gottschalk said it costs around \$4.5 million per year to operate the camp. One-third of this money comes from fundraising events pre-

dominantly held in New York City and Detroit, Mich. The U.S. government also supplies one-third of the funding, specifically to the follow-up programs related to the camp. The final third of the funding comes from individuals who donate money. Each year after the three weeks of camp, Gottschalk and her colleagues begin the process of raising money for the next year all over again.

The Seeds of Peace web-

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Grant facilitates ongoing Biology research

By MATT JAKUBIK
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The study of whether plants that we observe are affected by our presence is what Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology, and his research team will be able to do thanks to a \$81,000 grant from the Division of Environmental Biology of the National Science Foundation.

Niesenbaum theorizes that a plant's growth and insect-plant interactions are affected by visits

By determining if "visitation effects" exist, the researchers hope to increase their understanding of the mechanisms behind it.

The interdisciplinary project is being conducted with the chemistry department, bringing Christine Ingersoll, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, J.C. Cahill of the University of Alberta and Sumana Rao, a scientist currently visiting Niesenbaum's lab, into the research.

A significant amount of the grant will be devoted to supporting student involvement in the project. Thus far, Jeffrey Dipple '03, Lauren Mastro '03, Richard Kipp '04, Emily Kluger '04 and Steph Zettel '05 have developed independent research projects with goals pertaining to the overall objective of this work.

In addition to developing their own research projects related to the "ecological uncertainty principle," students assist the professors in gathering field data. Commenting on student involvement in his research, Niesenbaum said, "The great thing about getting this grant is that I get to do the work and my students get to do the

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Richard Niesenbaum

made to that plant by researchers who measure its growth.

He and his colleagues dubbed this effect the "ecological uncertainty principle." It is based on Heisenberg's 1927 Uncertainty Principle which states that by studying subatomic particles, people affect their behavior.



Dr. Richard Niesenbaum measures insect damage on plants with student members of his team of researchers Brian Tavernia '04, Jeff Dipple '03 and Steph Zettel '05.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

work."

Kipp worked on the chemistry-based side of the experiment this past summer.

His experimental setup included two groups of identical plants, one of which he pretended to measure each day while leaving the other alone.

After a number of weeks, he brought both groups back to the lab and tested them for chemical presences and levels related to his interactions and lack of interactions with the plants variable groups and control groups.

The students involved are also able to learn about the impact their research has in the larger scientific community. "If you can prove that an experiment affects the plants, it has a lot of influence on past studies and their consequences. Thus, you might want to reevaluate how we currently study plants," explained Kipp.

For most of the history of scientific study, researchers have assumed that their visits to plants in order to measure and

record data were benign, having no effect on the plant's growth patterns or insect-plant interactions.

This research project challenges

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Richard Kipp '04

that old assumption, bringing forth the possibility that all recorded plant growth patterns were altered by the researcher.

If it is determined that researchers do indeed have an impact on their plant subjects, then scientists will need to change the way in which they interact with the plants that they are studying in the future and reevaluate previous studies presented.

This research project may also help reveal significant information about animal and plant interactions outside of research settings in all natural ecosystems never known before to scientists.

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Students raise money for victims at Jewbilee

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funding for food and decorations for the evening.

The Jewbilee dance required extensive planning between all participating schools.

"We had contacted the schools prior to the summer and have worked with them since that time to make Saturday's event possible," said Saratovsky.

It was estimated that well over 100 people attended the dance, and \$104 was raised for victims of

terrorism in Israel.

"The Jewbilee was an awesome event, and I think everyone had a good time," said Patti Mittleman, Director of the College's Hillel. "All of the credit for the event goes to the students who were involved."

Saratovsky said that the schools that participated are already discussing other social events to be planned that may take place in the near future, since this one was successful in bringing the schools together.

Toomey and O'Brien head to head in debate before election

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the stance of each candidate on war with Iraq.

O'Brien responded first by saying, "I believe that we do need home land defense. But I do not agree with the war with Iraq." He continued on by stating that "Saddam is evil. There is no question about that at all... [but] there are other things we have to do before we storm into a war with Iraq."

Toomey followed O'Brien's response by stating that his decision to support the war with Iraq went far beyond politics and depended largely upon the safety of America. "We know for a fact that he has a huge stockpile of biological and possibly nuclear weapons. There will come a time when we will have to confront Saddam."

Toomey stated that the responsible thing to do in the present is to "deal with

him right now... for the security of Americans and our allies."

Addressing the third question posed to the candidates on the subject of the economy and practices of corporate business leaders over the last year, Toomey stated that those involved in the scandals "should be locked up."

Toomey explained that the reason for the corporate fraud that has had such a crippling effect on the economy is the "failure of the board of directors to control

He began by stating that among the many contributors to Toomey's campaign, Arthur Anderson, one of the firms that was found guilty of business fraud, was one of his main contributors.

O'Brien spoke with a genuine feeling of hatred toward the business elite and stated that "people's futures were stolen" by those large, corrupt companies.

Toomey continued on to explain in reference to involvement with Arthur Anderson that he does not think it is ethical to accept contributions from people you are trying to enforce economic restrictions on.

The final question presented by Borick to the candidates addressed the closer-to-home issue of the Lehigh Valley's economy.

Speaking first on the subject, O'Brien began by explaining that, "there are a lot of reasons why the economy is bad now."

He went on to say that he is tired of seeing American business being shipped off to Mexico and China so that big business conglomerates

are able to save money on cheap foreign labor. "Small business: that is who is going to build the economy. The American dream has to come back to this country," O'Brien exclaimed. His words were followed by

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Ed O'Brien

roaring applause from the largely democratic audience.

Toomey responded to O'Brien's comments by attacking the political values of O'Brien for the first time since the debate began. "Ed advocates raising the taxes," Toomey declared in response to O'Brien. "We should stay the course and let these tax relief reforms phase in."

O'Brien concluded with an attack on Toomey's lack of time spent in the district. "I'm running because I believe I represent the fifteenth district. I have lived and worked with the people who make up the district," O'Brien stated.

Toomey concluded by saying, "I vote with my conscience and what is best for our nation."

OFF CAMPUS

Yemen — The Central Intelligence Agency, using a missile fired by an unmanned Predator aircraft, killed a senior leader of Al Qaeda and five low-level associates traveling by car in Yemen on Sunday, American officials said today. Officials said the missile strike killed Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, also known as Abu Ali, a man they described as the senior Qaeda operative in Yemen. The attack was the first using an armed Predator against suspects outside of Afghanistan, officials said, and it appeared to signal the beginning of a more aggressive phase of the American effort against terrorism. In the attack on Sunday, the target was a car in northwestern Yemen. Its occupants in addition to Mr. Harethi were five people described as low-level Qaeda operatives.

North Korea — North Korea warned today that unless relations with Japan are quickly normalized it would resume its testing of ballistic missiles. The thinly-veiled threat was issued by an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman less than a week after the first high-level talks between the two countries in two years, when talks in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ended in an angry stalemate. North Korea shocked this country in 1998 with a surprise test of a Taepodong intercontinental ballistic missile, which overflew Japan.

"There will come a time when we will have to confront Saddam."

Pat Toomey

executives." Toomey went on to say he believed that the key to solving the problem is successfully "diminishing control of corporate insiders."

O'Brien responded to Toomey's comments by attacking Toomey's track record as congressman over the past four years.

Seeds of Peace speaker brings thoughts on future leadership

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site also provides a wish list of items the camp needs that donors can provide, ranging from art supplies, cleaning supplies and first-aid items to sailboats, passenger vans and IBM compatible computers.

In 1993, the camp welcomed 46 boys during the first summer of the Seeds of Peace program. The program has expanded to include 450 boys and girls last year alone. The sexes remain in separate cabins and a separate swimming area is provided for girls to accommodate the Muslim visitors at the camp. After nearly a decade, there are over 2,000 alumni, or "seeds." Five boys of the first seeds were profiled in a *Dateline* report that Gottschalk presented at the College. The boys have grown up to be young men with different lifestyles: Badawi, a Palestinian, has become a leader among his people. He is very opposed to the Israeli settlers in the West Bank and Gaza. His old debating partner from camp, El'Ad, is one of the Israeli settlers Badawi dislikes. The *Dateline* message is clear: hope is created at camp, but it is usually crushed again when the seeds return to their violence-stricken homelands.

Gottschalk cautioned viewers not to feel too disenchanted after watching the video. She said the young men still ask about each other and are not as adamantly opposed to one another as they appear to be. El'Ad explained in the interview that he would never send a son of his to Seeds of Peace because "[the program] is absurd." However, Gottschalk explained that El'Ad had sent his younger brother to camp last year.

Gottschalk said he sees the goals of Seeds of Peace as, "to get people to think for themselves and to care about people who are not like them. If we can expand the circle of their concern... beyond people who are not exactly like them, then we've gone a long way toward building a citizen of the world."

A Declaration of Principles, presented in New York City in November of 2001, asked others not to dismiss the seeds as youthful idealists. They know human passions can be redirected towards the goal of creating peace. Ariel Tal, an Israeli camper profiled in an August issue of the *Christian Science Monitor*, reached the conclusion that there is no other way but peace. "We can do this. We can't do anything else."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 35	High: 57 Low: 41	High: 58 Low: 48

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 29 - Injured Student - A student suffered from a burnt hand from hot soup at 423 N. Leh Street. The student refused medical treatment.

Oct. 29 - Injured Student - A student received a knee injury and was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital at 17th and Chew Street.

Oct. 29 - Vandalism - A paper towel dispenser in the men's room in Seegers Union was found smashed.

Oct. 30 - Vehicle Violation/Vandalism - A student drove around and tore up the lawn near MacGregor Village.

Oct. 30 - Injured Student - A student received a wrestling injury in the Life Sports Center. The student was transported to Cedar Crest Hospital at I-78.

Oct. 31 - Arrest - Three students, Michael Piontek, John Canneto and Eric Bluestein were arrested by

the South Whitehall Township Police for disorderly conduct.

Oct. 31 - Fire Alarm - Steam from cooking caused the fire alarm to go off at 2241 Liberty Street.

Oct. 31 - Controlled Substance - A purse found in Moyer Hall contained marijuana inside. The purse was confiscated and is currently under investigation.

Nov. 1 - Vandalism - A fire extinguisher in Walz Hall was found smashed on the ground.

Nov. 1 - Theft from Vehicle - A car stereo/CD player and a laptop computer were stolen from a car in front of 26th and Chew Streets. The right side front door lock was found broken.

Nov. 1 - Injured Employee - An M.W. Wood employee suffered a minor laceration to the thumb in Seegers Union. The

employee was transported to Cedar Crest Emergency Room.

Nov. 2 - Alcohol Violation - Two intoxicated students found in Brown Hall were transferred to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment. Both students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 2 - Disturbance - A student was found in guilty of disturbance charges outside of Sig Ep. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 2 - Vandalism - A single pane of a lamppost in

front of the Hoffman House was found broken.

Nov. 2 - Trespassing - Three individuals were found trespassing on Chew Street. All three were issued letters of trespass.

Nov. 3 - Information - Two students were referred to the Judicial Process because of student-on-student harassment violations in Prosser Hall.

Nov. 3 - Vehicle Violation - A student was found driving recklessly on the driveway between leading to Fraternity Row. The student was referred to the

Judicial Process.

Nov. 3 - Theft - A coat was stolen and then recovered from the Alpha Chi Omega house. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 3 - Vandalism To Vehicle - A car parked at 16th and Chew Streets was found with a scratch to the driver's side door.

Nov. 5 - Vandalism - A car was discovered to have driven on Benfer lawn.

Nov. 5 - Vandalism - Glass on a door pane in the Underground was found to be broken.

Contraceptive issues scrutinized

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to be informed of [student dissatisfaction]. I can't fix a system that I'm not aware is broken."

In gaining emotional support from the College, Miranda suggested that students visit the Counseling Center, with counselors available 24 hours a day. Anita Kelly, Director of the Counseling Center, said, "If a student feels anxious about her Planned Parenthood experience... we could talk to her over the phone about [her] anxiety." The Counseling Center does not accompany students to Planned Parenthood or take an active role outside of the Center. "Our role is to be supportive," explained Kelly. The therapist's job is only to "listen and be supportive of the client."

While the Health Center and Counseling Center do not work hand-in-hand, the Centers refer to each other in giving students appropriate assistance. With no doctors on staff, the Counseling Center is unable to dispense medication to students and instead refers the students to the Health Center or Planned Parenthood. Conversely, the Health Center refers students looking for emotional support to the Counseling Center. This includes providing students with gay and lesbian-specific pamphlets on safe sex information. The Health Center only offers heterosexual information on safe sex. While referring students to each other,

both Centers lack specific written policies on how to handle student contraceptive issues. "Situations are never black and white... the only written policy we have is the suicide policy," said Kelly.

Although the Centers presently divide the services offered to students, the upcoming construction to the Life Sports Center will physically separate the Centers onto different floors. This is a "definite attempt to have separation," said James Steffy, Interim President. The

division is designed "to respect confidentiality rights of students," said Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students.

The College administration also does not adhere to a specific policy regarding the functions of the Health Center in regards to contraceptive use. "[We are] aware of what goes on, but it's not a top down dictation. [Services] come out of the needs of the students unless [the policy] is something we feel should not be," stated Steffy.

In the interests of students, the Health Center made the decision to remove all of the ambiguous Planned Parenthood flyers in the Center until they were corrected. The flyer advertised the Planned Parenthood Shoppe of Allentown as offering "birth control without an exam," meaning it would not require an "internal pelvic exam," according to Diane Reilly '03, an intern at the Shoppe. A woman's medical history is legally required to be reviewed by a nurse practitioner for obtaining a birth control prescription. Confusion began when students took the wording on the flyer to imply that Planned Parenthood did not require a medical history review to get birth control.

The removal of the posters triggered student concern about whether the Health Center was taking a position on student contraceptive use. Sarah Kersh '03 said that she began to question whether the Health Center might favor reducing extensive contraceptive distribution and Planned Parenthood's involvement on campus.

Condoms that were originally only available to students in the isolated self care area of the Health Center were moved to a more conspicuous location in the Health Center waiting room this past week.

However, the Health Center does not supply condoms at any locations outside the Center. The Center is willing to supply condoms to any inquiring students for campus-wide distribution. "The R.A.s were told about it at the beginning of the school year. [Condoms] are always made available," said Miranda.

While the Health Center's actions may have alarmed students, it contends that its policies are intended to satisfy student contraceptive needs within the Center's capabilities.



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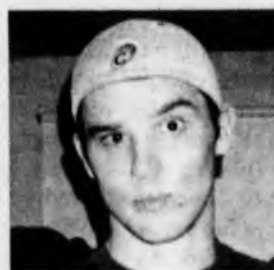
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	7:00 PM Video Bible Study at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Nov. 12	7:00 PM Worship Band in Chapel
	9:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel
	10:00 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Nov. 13	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

The ChapelHouse is located at 2206 Chew Street.
If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

WEEKLY

Life!**"Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments."****-Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy****Question of the Week:****What is the best "Lover's Lane" at Muhlenberg?****"The rose garden because it's intimate."****-Nick Richardson '05****"50-yard line of the football field."****-Kristen Lutes '04****"On the Muhlenberg turtle."****-Mark Whitlock '05****"Under Victor's Lament... That's what it's there for."****-John Brodowski '05**

COMPILED BY JOANNA BZIK

Comedienne Kathy Buckley cracks up the 'Berg for Disabilities Awareness Week**Comedienne Kathy Buckley lovingly embraces Melissa Kubit '03 and greets fans after her hilarious and informative show on Friday night.**

PHOTOS BY ABBI SHAROFKY

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

Members of both the College and Allentown communities steadily filled the Empie Theater in anticipation to be entertained by the world's first deaf comedienne, Kathy Buckley. Muhlenberg's all-girl capella group, The Girls Next Door, opened for Buckley on Friday night with their usual set list. They finished their performance with a provocative rendition of the gorgeous ballad "The Rose" in sign language.

In addition to the inclusion of sign language into the show, there was a stenographer who recorded every word that was said on stage onto a teleprompter screen. These two elements played a vital role in raising awareness about disabilities in our community, this embodying the main goal for this past week's Disabilities Awareness Week. The week was masterfully and competently organized by Melissa Kubit '03. Buckley's performance

brought the week to a close, and it left attendees with both amusement and a genuine appreciation for the enduring human spirit.

Kathy Buckley, whose huge on-stage presence was emphasized by her height of over six feet, has gained worldwide fame as a disabled comedienne. In the comedic portion of her show, Buckley presented some funny woes of every day life, often referring to bathroom objects such as the airplane self-flushing toilets. She greatly enjoyed self-deprecating her non-existent love life, declaring with disgust, "I didn't ask to be deaf and six feet tall!"

Strongly emphasizing that her entire show is based completely in truth, Buckley also reminisced about her first notable experiences when she was first able to hear at 34 years of age with a hi-tech hearing aid. Her story about how she first discovered the sound of her own passing of gas evoked tremendous laughter from the audience. Buckley said she felt like "a little kid all over again."

In addition to her hilarious jokes and anecdotes about the first time she met Howard Stern (she claims that he only talks about sex!), Buckley's show had a deeper element about human nature and triumph over hardship. Until she was 34 years old, she never once considered herself intelligent. Her disability was first acknowledged at the age of eight. Buckley survived up to that point in her life in the world without communication with another human being. She learned to talk through vibrations in a balloon and read lips with the help an inspiring teacher who Buckley still loves immensely.

After social and academic neglect in the public school system, Buckley was run over by a Jeep and paralyzed. She endured extensive rehabilitation, and she later was diagnosed with cancer, which remitted. She fell in and out of bouts of depression.

Having a disability and experiencing depression

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Seniors sing German *lieds*

BY SARAH BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

Seven seniors--Shannon Lambert-Ryan, Rafael Bish, Robyn Greenwald, Zachary Einstein, Theresa Olin, David Bish and Matthew Barcewicz--performed their prepared songs during the most recent in the series of senior vocal recitals as part of the requirements for completion of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. The concert took place in the sparsely filled Recital Hall on Oct. 30.

All the *lieds* (German for "song") were sung in their native language with translations provided in the program and were from notable composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms and Strauss. Many of the pieces had romantic overtones with references to love and nature.

The vocalists gave performances with emotion-filled facial expressions and connected tones. Some of the performers captivated the audience while others were less astute at accomplishing this feat. A few of the singers had their parts memorized, which didn't create a distraction for the audience. Some singers sang as they read from their sheet music. If a singer's sheet music was placed discreetly



Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03 performs at the Senior Vocal Recital. She is accompanied by Jeremy Slavin, the director of the College Choir.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

and somewhat hidden from view, the audience was also not distracted. A few times it was clear that the vocalists were using their music too overtly, and this dependence on the sheet music was distracting for the audience.

The pieces were well suited for the singers' ranges and were performed beautifully. The songs showed off the multiple strengths of the senior vocalists. Many of the songs were brief, but others were not. For instance, one singer sang a selection of five consecutive Schumann pieces. The performance was extraordinary, but it did not take long for one's mind to wander

while the musician was spilling out lyrics in a foreign language.

Overall, the vocal recital contained enjoyable and well-performed pieces. But for those who didn't speak German, the show may have felt long and tedious. Kudos to the seniors for their musical talent. Jeers to the recital's content.

Buckley captivates with jokes

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made Buckley feel out of control of her life. After she overcame her bouts of despair, Buckley entered a comedy contest that benefited children with cerebral palsy. To her own surprise she won and began her career as an entertainer and motivational speaker with undaunted charisma and pizzazz.

Buckley became emotionally worked up as she expressed her discoveries about life with a disability. Buckley's sadness, however, was soothed when the audience laughed at her jokes. As a smile returned to her face after an uproarious response, Buckley claimed her favorite part of performing was the question and answer session because she loves interacting with all people, not just disabled people.

"The only disabilities out there today are attitudes," she announced, stressing that those who are disabled are no less extraordinary

than any other human being. In Buckley's case, her disability helped her learn to look at human spirits and not human imperfections.

Buckley's show was very funny and highly emotional. Her jokes provoked both chuckles and attentive silence. Her jokes and sorrow appealed to each member of the audience, and her overall performance warranted a standing ovation.

Buckley has learned to live her life with great vitality, faith and goodness. Both hilarious and serious, Buckley emerges as an eloquent comedienne who has overcome suffering that would undoubtedly weaken most people. She has conquered both fatal occurrences and her disability, allowing her to stand tall well beyond her height.

Buckley left the audience at the end of her performance with her keys to life, "don't pass judgment...and don't worry about what people don't have; worry about what people do with what they do have."

The Truth About Charlie: truthfully not that great

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

It might have been Julia Roberts while doing press for the remake of *Ocean's Eleven* who asked, "Why would you remake a great movie?" Why indeed. Recent remakes have been less than stellar movies that pale greatly when compared to their original counterparts, *Ocean's Eleven* being one notable exception to the remake curse.

The Truth About Charlie is the latest "re-imagining" of a classic Hollywood Film. What a classic it was. Stanley Donen's 1963 *Charade*, featuring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant, is tough to top; the Internet Movie Database classifies *Charade* as a comedy, mystery, romance and thriller, all in one film. It would take a rather daring and creative team to even attempt recreating that combination.

Sadly, the players involved with *Charlie* don't exactly succeed. All the ele-

ments are there, but they don't quite come together. Jonathan Demme, director of *Philadelphia* and Academy Award winner for *Silence of the Lambs*, directs *Charlie*. Some of his camera shots are interesting, and there are no glaring gaffes. Anyone who can explain the purpose of the Woman in Black or the Opera Man, however, will be well compensated, for their roles appear to have no meaning whatsoever.

Thandie Newton, in the Hepburn role, is the widowed Regina Lampert. She returns from vacation to find her Parisian apartment emptied of all people and possessions, except for the police officers who inform her that her husband Charles (played by Stephen Dillane) has been murdered. Newfon is fabulous; she has much more to do in this movie than she did in *Mission: Impossible 2*, and she handles her role with grace and style, especially on the tango floor.

Mark Wahlberg, our modern day Carey Grant, is

Joshua Peters, a fellow traveler seeking to help Regina through this difficult time, or maybe not. The motives and identity of the Peters' character were what primarily fueled *Charade*, and that may be where *Charlie* stumbles. Wahlberg is certainly up for the challenge. He does play Peters' character very well, which is not surprising since he has previously demonstrated that he is indeed a capable young actor (see *Three Kings*).

Demme wants his viewers to be more interested in determining who Charlie was than revealing Peters' identity. There aren't enough interesting twists in that puzzle to keep the audience engaged: everyone knows Charlie is a con from the start.

Charade will leave one with an "Ahhh it all fits together so perfectly!" feeling whereas *Charlie* will leave the audience in an "Uhhh...okay..." mood. It's not a terrible film, but it certainly does not live up to its potential. *Charade*: A. *The Truth About Charlie*: B-



WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Thursday (November 7)

6-7:30pm Band "Caboose" SU Lobby

8-9:00pm "Noah's Acoustic Show" SU Lobby

Friday, (November 8)

9-11pm "Soul Sound Steppers" RD

10p-2a "Birthday Analyzer" SU Lobby

11pm Musician "Andrew Dykers" SU Lobby

Saturday, (November 9)

9-11pm "Ryan Kavalsky" RD

10p-2a "Free Game Night" SU Lobby
Pinball/Pac-Man/Foosball

Halloween storyteller Gerald Fierst more amusing than scary

BY JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writer

In honor of Halloween, the night of ghosts, ghouls and black cats, Gerald Fierst came the College to share his spooky stories. A professional storyteller, Fierst is known as the "Purveyor of the Spooky Story" and travels the country sharing his talents. On Halloween night, he chose a few notable tales that originated in the Allentown area to share with the small, but enthusiastic, audience.

A tale that proved to be the favorite of many took place in Bethlehem, Pa., nearly one hundred years ago, involving a wealthy family named Van Eiker. The family had a beautiful but sickly daughter named Karen who was pronounced dead on her wedding day. Buried in her resplendent wedding gown stitched with pearls and priceless gems, a group of thieves decided to rob her coffin. Just as the group of bandits were finishing their task and reaching for her priceless wedding ring, Karen suddenly bolted upright in her coffin, scaring the crooks (and the audience).

Fierst explained that in the Van Eiker case, similar to others of that time period, people were often pronounced dead prematurely, and were actually in comas or other vegetative states. He ended that particular story with the frightening statistic that twenty-five percent of coffins from that era have scratch marks--meaning many people were buried alive and desperately trying to save themselves.

Fierst began his career as a storyteller in 1969 at the age of eighteen during a long summer vacation with his friends in San Francisco, Ca. He became interested in an old, weathered and abandoned house, and he was dared by his friends to spend the night alone in the residence. While his friends believed in ghosts and were sure that evil spirits roamed this old San Francisco dwelling, Fierst was a non-believer and took up their dare. With a smile and a wink, Fierst told the crowd that the night he spent in that old home changed his opinion on ghosts and the supernatural forever and started him on his career path.

Fierst varied his story style--some tales did involve the typical, scary story elements of demons and curses, while others were simply historical accounts with a twist. His personal interest lies in stories that feature "what is right in front of us; what we do not normally see."

On the whole, however, his stories were not scary--he relied heavily on sudden noises and special voices to give the audience a fright. In many cases, his stories were more humorous than scary, such as when he assumed the tone and stance of a slow-witted giant who tried to make the water in a stream run uphill.

If you were hoping for a really good scare reminiscent of old Hitchcock movies, you probably left disappointed. For people just looking for a variation on their normal Thursday routines, however, Fierst's stories were just the right ingredient.



Storyteller Gerald Fierst tells stories with the aid of a sign language interpreter.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

These four walls: Transferring into the 'Berg

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

This semester exactly seven gypsies--transfer students--have moved their campsites to settle at Muhlenberg. Upon first glance it may be nearly impossible to distinguish these nomads from your typical matriculating student, but they have several characteristics that enable one to tell them apart. Exchange student Guy Newman notes that "you can always tell a transfer student from a normal student because they're not comfortable wearing Muhlenberg labeled jumpers or trousers."

The rate in which they are being admitted is anything but astounding;

Muhlenberg accepted seven transfer students this semester. Now, with numbers this low one might imagine that one can transfer almost anywhere, but the process is much more difficult than applying to a college out of high school. What makes the College different is that at Muhlenberg a transfer student can re-open his or her application if he or she have applied here before. At other schools, for example Boston University, one must fill out an entirely new application and pay another \$55 fee. This is true even if someone has applied to the school and even been admitted.

A letter of acceptance awaits those who have

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WEEKEND SHUTTLE SERVICES

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Aries

Consider this your lucky week--but you must work to make your own luck. Hang out in Seegers, and find yourself a surprise at the info desk. Or, work extra hard to reach a goal: you will get what you deserve.

Taurus

Place to consider this week: the gym. If you are getting a little soggy around the middle, trot on up to the loft. If, on the other hand you are a gym addict, watch out for the treadmill--it can be nasty.

Gemini

While you, twin-like Gemini, may not have split personality disorder, you're going to want to watch out for your "other" (darker) side. Don't give in to temptation, especially at any parties this weekend at the frats or sports houses.

Cancer

You've been a little crabby lately, but you can lighten up your mood. Change your dark colors for

white and say something cheerful to all whom you meet. You might just find that this kindness puts a smile not only on their faces, but yours as well.

Leo

Beware of a strange happening in Moyer this week. You're going to want to be especially careful on the stairs. No classes in Moyer? Be careful as you pass by--proceed with caution.

Virgo

Try something new this week, whether it be that sketchy looking cabbage ordeal in the Garden Room, or an independent film at the Civic Theatre. Even if you're wary at first, you will most likely surprise yourself.

Libra

Things are happening so quickly for you! Expect major action in your life this weekend, whether it be at parties, at the library, or even at the fifty yard line.

Scorpio

Knowing you, you are probably

stressed out to the max. Try not to freak out: this too shall pass. And while bubble baths and spas are not readily available, a night of vegging on the futon with friends could be very beneficial.

Sagittarius

Hold on to your keys, your purse, and anything of value--not because you have to worry about a kleptomaniac, but because you've been very forgetful lately.

Capricorn

Two things for this coming week: to avoid stomach irritation, pass up the grill at GQ, and to avoid general irritation keep yourself away from the opposite sex--just this once.

Aquarius

You've done something wrong, and now it's your time to fix it. Make sure you talk to the appropriate people, and it will all be ok.

Pisces

Make sure you get some sleep this weekend...you have a rough time coming up. Eat healthy and stay fit--you need to keep in shape.

Le Gou d'am makes rich sounds at the Red Door

By NIKKI RAGONESE
Weekly Staff Writer

Le Gou d'am, which is French for "Snacks of the Soul,"

rocked the Red Door with an interesting style of music that brings jazz and rock-and-roll together, giving them a very unique sound. The band performed this past Wednesday, Oct. 30th. The four members are Jeff Doto '01, on the drums, John DeBlase '03, alternating between bass guitar and upright bass, Michael Eber '03, jamming on the electric guitar and lastly John Crowley '05 on the trumpet.

When asked, DeBlase stated that he, Eber and Doto had been in a band together for several years, and they had just recently formed this new band, *Le Gou d'am* with the addition of John Crowley. It was somewhat obvious that Crowley was a new addition. Many times the other three would be really into the rock and roll and he just waited around for his jazz interludes. The trumpet gave it soul, but the electric guitar would always chime in and bring the sound back to rock-and-roll. DeBlase danced with his string base--this added a deep rich sound.

The music was peppy but still had a laid-back feel. Many of their songs sounded similar, but maybe it was just their style that didn't really change from song to song. Some of the melodies did sound derivative of other well-known songs, but they added their own distinctive spin to them.

Transfers adapt to the 'Berg

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proven their worth. Since Muhlenberg is a small college, not all transfer applicants can be accepted. In fact, *U.S. News and World Report* states that in recent years, Muhlenberg has taken less than fifteen percent of those who apply for transfer admission.

Upon their arrival, many obstacles await transfer students. They are the last stu-

dents to select courses for the coming semester, leaving the proverbial "runt of the litter" to choose from. Furthermore, the humbling experience of being asked whether or not one is a freshman will play like a broken record for a transfer student's first several months on campus. Soon, however, transfers will become well-adjusted members of the College Community.

Tselem Elohim / Imago Dei / Image of God FACTOIDS WITH

For both Judaism and Christianity, the story in Genesis 1 attests that all humanity is created "in the image of God," according to God's explicit purpose. Different writers, philosophers, and theologians offer various understandings of what constitutes the image. Human free will, the capacity to create, the capacity to love, dominion over creation -- all these and more have been suggested. What unites every understanding are the themes of dignity and equality: whatever constitutes the image of God, it is the same and it deserves the same respect and honor in every human being.

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Men's soccer clinches playoff seed

BY BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

After clinching a spot in the CC playoffs last week with a Dickinson loss, the Mules men's soccer team added another conference victory this week. The Mules trounced the Ursinus Bears 4-0 in their last regular season contest giving them a 6-3 record in conference play.

Despite their victory, they still sit in fourth place and will have to travel to Johns Hopkins this weekend to face the top seed Blue Jays in the first round.

On Saturday, the Mules dominated the Bears (8-10-1) in every aspect of the game. The defense was stellar again recording their twelfth shutout victory of the season. The offense out-shot Ursinus 18-15 tying their second best scoring output of the year. Senior David Vassilaros opened the scoring for the Mules in the first half when his

unassisted shot in the fifteenth minute found the back of the net. Vassilaros answered his first goal with another three minutes later in the eighteenth minute on an assist from Senior Ben Long.

The Mules added two late goals en route to their 4-0 win. Freshman Joey Benner scored his first career goal in the seventy-fourth minute on an assist from fellow Freshman Cori Barger. Also scoring his first career goal on a penalty kick for the Mules was Sophomore JJ Pignatelli in the 89th minute.

This victory sends the Mules into the playoffs on a high note. This 4-0 victory gives them the confidence they will need to knock off the conference leader, Johns Hopkins in the first round. In their previous meeting a month ago, the Blue Jays sent the Mules home with a 3-0 loss. They hope to improve on that performance and advance to conference finals and eventually to the NCAA playoffs.

Field hockey season ends early, playoffs slip away

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Conference for a regular season finale on Tuesday night.

The Mules mutilated Bryn Mawr, 4-0. Sophomore Kristen Bruschi netted two of the goals, while Seniors Holly Pico and Laura Diez ended their field hockey careers with one goal a piece. The Mules tied the school record for most wins in a season.

Diez stated, "We tied the school record with most wins in a season, which was a huge step for us because last year we had a losing season. We turned the program around and finished in third place."

Unfortunately the Mules did not make it to the playoffs because they lost head-to-head against Franklin & Marshall, therefore missing out on the playoffs by a extremely slim margin. The Mules were the team that was able to beat the first place finisher, Washington College (Maryland).

"We never gave up and we constantly fought till the end and that's been the difference," said Diez.

McDaniel's will host this weekends playoffs. Teams that will be contending in the playoffs this year will be Washington, Franklin & Marshall and Johns Hopkins. Game schedules are released on Wed.

Scoreboard

Cross Country

Nov. 2, Centennial

Conference

Championships -

Men's took second place and women's took eighth.

Senior Will Elson took third place and Freshman Karen Mount placed tenth.

Women's Soccer

Nov. 2, Mules vs.

Centenary, 2-0.

Junior Dawn Iberer had one goal and also broke the school record for career goals.



Football

Nov. 2, Mules vs.

Ursinus, 43-0.

Junior Matt Bernardo made four of the games touchdowns.



Volleyball

Nov. 2, Mules vs.

Baptist Bible, 3-1.

Freshman Julie Lauro had sixteen kills and Senior Maria Poluka had thirteen digs.

Field Hockey

Nov. 2, Mules vs.

Johns Hopkins, 2-0.

Junior Lauren Jacobs made her team leading seventh assist.

Men's Soccer

Nov. 2, Mules vs.

Ursinus, 4-0.

Senior David

Vassilaros scored two goals, along with a goal from Freshman

Joey Benner and

Sophomore JJ

Pignatelli.

Nov. 4, Mules vs. Franklin & Marshall, 3-1.

Iberer netted two while Freshman Amy Schmidt had her first career goal.



The Mules embrace after a record breaking season.

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Women soccer to host CC Championships

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test against Franklin & Marshall in a 3-1 decision. Junior Dawn Iberer made the first goal, assisted by Junior Courtney Levine. Iberer also made the second goal with a pass from Junior Jen Gitto.

The goal to finalize the Mules win was scored by Freshman Amy Schmidt, who had made her first career goal. Iberer's five

points left her with 107 for her career, one short of the school record.

Armstrong received the Centennial Conference Honor Roll this week. Other teammates that stood out in the individual standings are Iberer, ranking second in goals per game, Levine, fifth in assists per game, and Laurino, eighth in saves and seventh in shutouts.

The Mules have now won

their third consecutive Centennial Conference title. They will now host the Centennial Conference Championships this weekend, the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Mules ended their Centennial Conference season in first place. Falling right behind them in the rankings were Franklin & Marshall, Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg.

Men's cross-country earn best finish ever: women finish in eighth place

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

Competing at the Tenth Annual CC Championship hosted by Ursinus, the men's

cross-country team had a paramount finish, coming in second out of nine competing teams. Prior to this meet, the Mules greatest finish was in 1916, when they placed third in the MAC meet. The finest Centennial Conference finishes in the past for the Mules were placing fourth in the past two consecutive years.

Haverford has won the last ten consecutive Centennial Conference titles, as they continued their streak by presenting the Mules with a tough loss. Haverford managed to top the Mules by just fourteen points, the slimmest margin of victory for the Fords ever in a Centennial Conference meet.

For a time, it appeared as if the only squads to cross the finish line would be Mules and Fords, as Senior Will Elson came in third with a time of 27:37:30, just after two Ford runners. Elson's finish was the best finish for a Muhlenberg runner at a Centennial Conference Championship ever. Junior Rob Uniszkiewicz approached close behind Elson with a fifth place finish at a time of 27:44:30.

Senior Brendan Gallagher placed seventh with a time of 27:59:79, as Gallagher and Uniszkiewicz received first-team All-Centennial Conference Honors. Junior Brian Cash, eighth place finisher (28:08:70) and Freshman Alex Hotz, twelfth (28:20:87) earned All-Centennial Conference Second-Team accolades. In addition, contending for the Mules was Sophomore Chris Martin, Freshman Ryan Boyd, Junior Nate Horst and Freshman Pat Breault.

The Lady Mules were positioned eighth at the Centennial Conference Championships, with Dickinson directing the meet with their fifth win in the past six years.

Primarily leading the Lady Mules was Freshman Karen Mount who placed tenth with a time of 24:44:57 and was the only Mule to place in the top ten for the women. Mount received All-Centennial Conference Second-Team Honors as well.

Also contending for the Lady Mules were Junior Diana Garetto, Gail Morris, Steph Melka, Erika Norey, Freshman Christy Grandjean and Emily Forbes.

This Weekend's

Games

Football

Mules vs. Ursinus
at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Hosts Centennial Conference Championships

Men's Soccer

Semi-finals

Mules at Johns Hopkins
at 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Break



College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on November 27, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on December 1, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.!

There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ◆ International Students
- ◆ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ◆ Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a \$15.00 per day charge. Late requests are subject to a \$25.00 fine.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by November 15, 2002.

Notification of approval will be distributed on the 20th. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

End of the Season Standings

Football: 5-1 (CC), 7-1 (overall) - 2nd in the conference

Women's Soccer: 9-1 (CC), 13-6 (overall) - 1st in the conference.

Men's Soccer: 6-3 (CC), 13-7 (overall) - 4th in the conference.

Volleyball: 5-5 (CC), 14-21 (overall) - 5th in the conference.

Field Hockey: 5-3 (CC), 13-5 (overall) - 4th in the conference.

Profile of a Mule: Kristen Bruschi

Bruschi knows how to Beat It, she is a conference Thriller

BY CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

Kristen Bruschi has been playing field hockey since she first attended a field hockey camp the summer before eighth grade at the suggestion of her father.

"It was hard leaving soccer, which I played since Kindergarten," the sophomore explained. "Mostly I missed my friends, so I still went to all their games, but it wasn't long before I found my niche in field hockey."

This season the forward helped Muhlenberg find their niche at third in the Centennial Conference standings, leading the Mules to a 13-5 overall record, the best in program history. Her goal Saturday against Johns Hopkins gave her 40 points on the season, breaking a previous school record.

"Saturday was an amazing day," the Michael Jackson fanatic admitted. "My sister went there, and I thought about going there, so for me it was the biggest game of the season. We knew we had to win out to

have a chance at going to the playoffs. I couldn't have written the script any better."

The script Bruschi adheres to before every game is to arrive 45 minutes early, take her time, put on her lucky club team hockey shirt (which she claims she washes), get dressed in her uniform, fix her hair and wrap it all up with a little red headband.

When Kristen is ready to go, then she puts on her "manbeast" face for the game.

"It started as a joke. I said coach was trying to turn me into a manbeast for making us work out. Before long we started a manbeast club within the team with Foz (Sarah Fosdick) as the other founding member. D-Lo (Danny Kline) was our first pledge. The only trouble was it started some dissension on the team because everyone wanted to be a manbeast."

Spokesperson Kristen proclaimed the manbeast club does not endorse political correctness, and therefore refuses to be recog-

nized as the "Muhlenberg second-year-student-beasts."

Opposing teams, fear not, because it is possible to intimidate a manbeast. "My biggest fear must be cats," shuddered the fickle beast. "They're scary the way they look at you, all sly and sneaky. And those eyes!"

While she might not like the smooth and sometimes criminal movements of a cat, she freely came clean about her love of Michael Jackson.

"I just think he's the best. When it's cold the team makes fun of me because I put on my gloves. Even though they're not white, everyone calls them my Michael Jackson gloves."

Dressed as an '80's girl for Halloween, Kristen ran into two separate but equal Michael Jacksons at the party she attended.

Despite her Jackson infatuation, no romantic advances were made, according to Kristen. She didn't "wanna be startin' somethin'" with her boyfriend present.



Sophomore Kristen Bruschi hurdles a sprawled and wingless Blue Jay goalie.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Volleyball ends their season with a win against Ursinus

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Weekly Sports Writer

Dropping a heartbreaker in their final home match of the season, the Mules (13-21, 5-5) took a 2-0 lead after winning the second game, 30-13, but Ursinus (12-15, 5-5) won the final three games by a total of seven points.

Lisa Giammalvo, one of five seniors playing her final home match, had a season-high seventeen kills to go along with twelve digs and four of the Mules school-record nineteen aces.

Fellow Seniors Meaghan Billie and Dana Ferrelli also reached doubled figures in kills, with seventeen and thirteen respectively. Billie also recorded five blocks for the match. Senior co-captain Maria Poluka lead the team in digs with a total of fifteen for the night, followed closely behind by teammate Lisa Giammalvo.

Saturday the Mules (14-21) ended their season with a come-from-behind win. Freshman Julie Lauro recorded her tenth double-double with sixteen kills and ten digs, while Senior Meaghan Billie closed out her career with a 13-kill effort.

Lisa Giammalvo also ended the day with nine kills and thirteen digs, leading the Mules in digs for the day. Poluka recorded twelve digs, and Freshman Julie Lauro totalled ten. Seniors Dana Ferrelli and Jennifer Leigh chipped in with nine digs each to aid the Mules in their win. Freshman setters Mary Henning and Emily Reardon also recorded 23 assists each.

The Mules ended their season in fifth place in the Centennial Conference 5-3 in the conference and 13-5 overall. The Mules came in behind Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford and Johns Hopkins.

Gettysburg dominated over Franklin & Marshall, therefore establishing their spot as the host of this weekend's tournament.

Soccer posts eighth straight win

Iberer breaks school record for goals with 45

BY KEVIN MCMAHON
Weekly Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg women's soccer team extended their winning streak after a 2-0 win over Centenary on Saturday. After notching her 45th career goal, Junior forward Dawn Iberer is now the Muhlenberg women's record holder for goals scored.

Iberer scored just 3:41 into the game as she broke the previous record of 44 goals. Iberer now is after the Muhlenberg career points record as she is only six points behind the leader, Celina Boer (1995-98). Muhlenberg put the pressure on Centenary for the whole game as they won the edge in corner kicks with nine to Centenary's one.

Sophomore Maureen McLaughlin added some insurance as she scored on a

corner kick in the 39th minute. Monica Jones assisted McLaughlin, giving the midfielder her first career goal. Centenary moved to 9-7-1 on the season after the loss.

Last Tuesday, Muhlenberg shutout the Ursinus Bears by a score of 2-0. The Mules dominated the Bears throughout the game, peeling off 23 shots to Ursinus' seven.

Sophomore Rebecca Armstrong led the way with two first half goals. Armstrong was assisted by Junior Courtney Levine on both goals. With Armstrong's strong output, she moved to a total of eleven goals on the season. That makes Armstrong and Iberer only the second set of women's Muhlenberg soccer teammates to both attain double figures in goals during the same season.

After the loss, the Ursinus

Lady Bears are now 6-12-1 on the season and 1-7-1 in the Centennial Conference.

After Saturday's effort, the Lady Mules now are 12-6 on the season and 8-1 in Centennial Conference play. During the eight game win streak, the Mules have outscored their opponents 21-2. Coach Benintend will prepare Muhlenberg for what could be a great opportunity to win a third consecutive regular season championship.

The 2000 and 2001 women's soccer teams both won the Centennial Conference Championship and advanced deep into the NCAA tournament.

The 2000 team made it to the second round, as the 2001 team advanced all the way to the third round of the NCAA's.

The Mules won the con-

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SPORTS



Mules field hockey gives Hopkins the blues; Jays fall 2-0

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mules field hockey team had one intention this past weekend when they played first place Johns Hopkins, the 20th ranked squad in Division III. Trouncing the Blue Jays in a 2-0 decision, Hopkins plunged to 11-7 overall and 6-2 in the Centennial Conference while the Mules advanced to a 13-5 overall and 5-3 in league play. The Mules are tied in third place with Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall and Washington for six shutouts this season.

McDaniel leads with nine as Ursinus is in second with eight. This win fortified the Mules bid to the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Lady Mules' first goal was at the 26:30 mark, when Sophomore Kristen Bruschi scored off a pass from Junior Lauren Jacobs. Jacobs' assist was her team-leading seventh assist of the season.

The Blue Jays held an 11-5 advantage in penalty corners but failed to score on goalkeeper, Senior Josie Fasolino. Fasolino had a notable game and made thirteen saves to record the shutout, several of which were at vital spots in the game. The Mules outshot the Blue Jays 16-14 as Hopkins goalkeeper Senior Missi



Junior Lauren Jacobs splits the defense to aid her teammates for a goal. Jacobs leads the team in assists.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Schafhauser completed five saves for the Blue Jays.

In the second half, at the 54:19 mark in the contest, Bruschi netted an insurance goal for the Mules. This goal provided her 40 points for the season, breaking the school record of 36 that she had already tied on Wednesday. She has scored or assisted on nine of the team's last ten goals.

Bruschi was also named Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference while staying on top of the rankings in the Centennial Conference's individual statistics. Bruschi is second in goals per game, seventh in assists per game and second in points per game.

Senior Laura Diez said, "The camaraderie on the team was better than its ever been in the last four years. We were friends on and off the field, so that made playing together that much easier."

Other teammates that have made the individual statistics in the Centennial Conference are Junior Lauren Jacobs, ranked fifth in assists

per game and Freshman Alexa Sterbinsky, ranked eleventh in the same category. Senior Josie Fasolino directs the conference in shutouts, ranked third in saves and fourth in save percentage.

The Mules played Bryn Mawr, who is winless in the Centennial

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Football team earns third straight shutout -- Bears still in basement

BY CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

In their final CC matchup of the season, the Muhlenberg football team seared the now 1-7 Ursinus Bears 43-0, improving their overall record to 7-1 for the first time since 1980 and their Conference mark to 5-1 for the second consecutive year. Matt Bernardo unstitched the Bears' goal line defense four times on runs of three, five, one and four yards to register his third career four-touchdown performance. Averaging over four-and-a-half yards per carry on the day, Bernardo's 25 hauls for 115

yards carry proved his fifth consecutive game with at least 100 yards, spotting him with 2,675 career rushing yards, eight shy of breaking Jason Brader's school record.

Bernardo also snatched a 74-yard pass from CC offensive Player of the Week, quarterback Justin Jones. Jones completed eight passes for 232-yards, setting a school record for average yards per completion in a game. One of Jones' eight completions came on a 52-yard touchdown connection with Senior Alfredo Mercuri.

The Mules stringent defense forced five

turnovers and allowed only three yards rushing on thirty-two Ursinus attempts, an average of under one-tenth of a yard per carry. "There were quite a few sacks," explained cornerback Joe Getz, "so that took some yards away from their total. Our defensive line played an awesome game, which put pressure on the quarterback and helped us a lot on coverage." Defensive lineman Jon Buglione, Tyler Cathey and Mike Koth were accountable for all of the Mules' six sacks. Named as a co-Conference defensive player of the week, Koth made six tackles, four of which resulted in a Ursinus

loss of yardage, and had 1.5 sacks. Additionally, Koth forced a fumble, recovered another, and blocked a kick. Muhlenberg linebacker and captain Beau Sherry led the defense in tackles with eight and earned an assist in one of Joe Getz's two interceptions. "I was covering the guy, and Beau must have seen him coming because he leveled him," Getz described. "He coughed it up and it came right to me." With help from their second straight shutout, Muhlenberg has outscored their last three opponents 107-10.

Now finished with Conference competition,

Muhlenberg turns its attention to 5-3 Union University. The Flying Dutchmen dangle two wins over the Mules in their only two previous competitions, including a 33-14 victory in their most recent 1995 meeting. Coming off a 42-0 loss last weekend to Hartwick, who Muhlenberg defeated last season 63-13, Union travels to Muhlenberg Sat. for the first time since 1994.

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APD busts students at Tavern

By LAUREN WIESNER
AND BEN VEGHTE
News Editor and Asst. News Editor

Police officers with breathalyzers in hand surrounded the Ye Olde Tavern and arrested thirteen students and two visitors of the College for underage drinking in the early hours of Sunday. After a reported noise complaint provoked officers to investigate the Tavern, the officers observed that possible underage drinking was occurring. A special patrol unit was notified of the situation, and ten freshmen, two juniors and two minors were arrested and issued citations. In addition to the underage drinking arrests, Brian Gabriel '03 was also arrested for disorderly conduct.

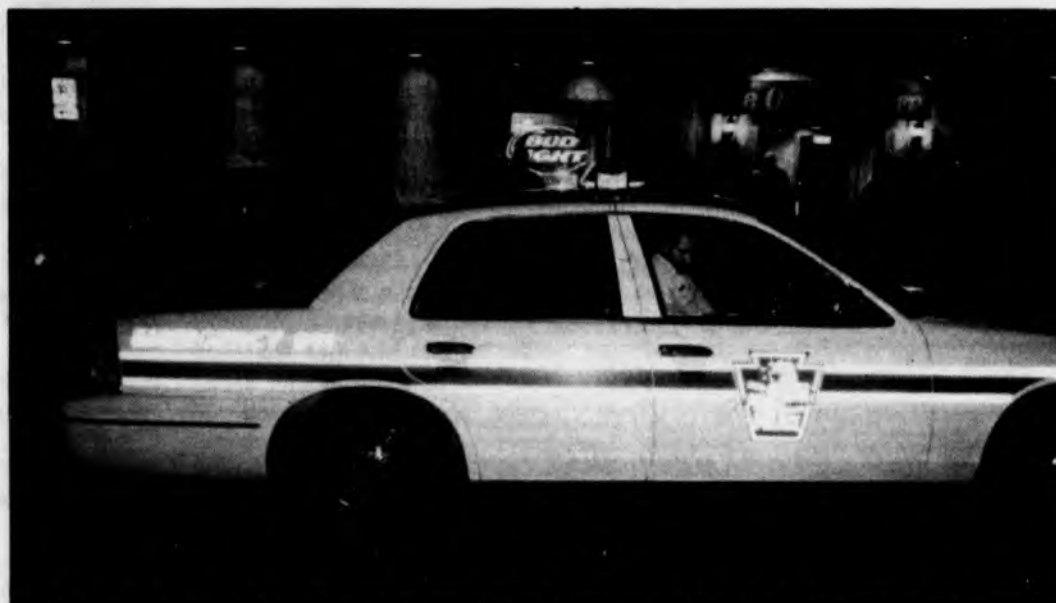
According to Allentown Police Department (APD)

records, Kate Rosenfeld '06, David Ewbank '06, Emily Steginsky '06, Jordan Goldberg '06, Emily Wickersham '06, Janna Burke '06, Brigitte Bendl '04, Richard Ain '06, Christopher Walach '06, Meghan Garibaldi '06, Vincent Molinari '04 and David Stagliano '06 were the underage students caught by Allentown Police at the Tavern.

The two juveniles arrested were recruits who were "here with athletics, not admissions," confirmed Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety.

Both 17-year-olds were escorted to the Campus Safety office and were told to call their parents and inform them of the situation.

"APD took position at all of the exits to ensure that nobody found their way out. They then waited for people



Students wait in the back of a patrol car after being arrested at Ye Olde Tavern Sunday morning.

PHOTO BY DAVID M. SOBOTKIN

to start leaving and then grabbed them and asked for IDs as people left the Tavern," explained Dan Schaefer, co-owner of the Tavern.

Schaefer, the manager on duty the night of the arrests, described the night as a typical Saturday. "It started to get busy at about 1 a.m. I

went to the door to start to check IDs as people came in and then APD rolled up all at once with six squad cars," he said.

In the process of breathalyzing and arresting students, the police did not inform Schaefer of what charges the Tavern may face for the incident. "The police

officers walked right by me without saying a word. I have really no idea if we are in any trouble right now because I haven't heard anything since that night," said Schaefer.

While not officially notified of the consequences of

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Competing for banners at Scotty Wood tournament

By LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

Utilizing creativity, school spirit and spray paint, students of the College were recently offered the opportunity to submit a banner for the annual Scotty Wood basketball tournament. With a \$100 first place prize, \$50 second place and \$25 third place, students were asked to submit banners representing College pride that will decorate the walls of the gym during the tournament. The contest began in late October, and judging was finalized on Nov. 13.

According to Katherine

Healy '03, one of the students involved in the banner contest, Donna Bergenstock, Assistant Professor of Accounting, Business, and Economics Marketing Management class does "all of the marketing and the majority of the planning of events for the Scotty Wood basketball tournament each year."

The committee in charge of the planning for the tournament consists of 12 students, who were randomly selected (by drawing names out of a hat) among Bergenstock's two sections of Marketing Management. Stacey Gordon '03 serves as the chair, with three subcommittees below her:

Advertising, Sales/Promotion and Entertainment. The Advertising Committee, run by Katherine Healy '03, Carolyn Orefice '04, Rachel Rochlis '03 and Diana Sweeney '04, was responsible for this year's banner contest.

This year, there were not many limitations put on the contest. While it was noted that banners containing sexual innuendos or references to alcohol would be dismissed, the only other regulation was size.

This year's rules mandated that the banners should be the size of one twin bed

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Faculty disagree over confidentiality

By LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Faculty conversed and disagreed at the faculty meeting on Friday over the binding agreement made between the Board of Trustees and the Taylors late last summer. The agreement resulting in the termination of Arthur Taylor from his position as president, binds the faculty, staff and the Taylors to confidentiality and non-disparagement, prohibiting discussion about the details of Taylor's departure.

According to James Steffy, Interim President, the agreement was made

because "the Trustees felt it was important to move on to new leadership." The Trustees are interested in establishing campus climate and moving on to a new presidency "in the shortest amount of time possible," explained Steffy.

Included in the terms of the agreement is the prohibition of discussion of those terms. The only information permissible in discussion are facts made public during and after the departure of Taylor. To explain the reasoning behind Taylor's departure, the faculty can only comment that, "management

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The need for APD action to preserve positive student image

AS REPORTED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE WEEKLY, eyewitness and victim statements indicate an apparent civil rights abuse on the part of Allentown Police Department Officer Schlegel. (See "APD busts students at Tavern" on p. 1). While we do not seek to deconstruct the legal issues involved, a commentary on the student perception of the Allentown Police Department is most warranted.

The Weekly in no way condones the consumption or sale of alcohol to minors. The Weekly would like to applaud Campus Safety for effectively working with the Allentown Police Department to enforce these laws. Joint Campus Safety-APD weekend patrols to ensure the safety of members of the College Community typify positive actions. However, incidents

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like the one that culminated in the arrest of Brian Gabriel '03 can result in a general student antipathy towards APD.

Sentiments of intimidation, feelings

of being targeted by police and fear of confrontation with APD officers can become pervasive and reach a critical mass if action is not taken to prevent further incidences such as this. Moreover, the positive, long-term collaborative work undertaken by the College's Campus Safety and APD can often become eclipsed by these isolated incidents.

The Weekly does not intend to place blame on the entire Allentown Police Department. However, APD must take affirmative action to guarantee that the alleged events surrounding Mr. Gabriel and Officer Schlegel do not occur in the future, if a cooperative and amicable future will be forged.

Planned singlehood -- not planned parenthood

To the Editor:

When looking through several bookstores on the search for the perfect college, I couldn't help but notice which ones had condoms located with the other weekend essentials -- mouthwash, toothpaste, shaving cream and aspirin. Young adults in college should be practicing "Planned Singlehood" not Planned Parenthood. This is a time when you need to practice how to stay your healthiest, most active and have fun as you begin the search for a career and a partner you may want to share the rest of your life with.

With a little knowledge of birth control pills, one can see how the practice of taking this body medication can be contradictory in the practice of planned singlehood. It prevents the female's body from performing a function (ovulation)

that it is designed to do on a monthly cycle. This "fooling with mother nature" comes with a price. Minor side effects of five or ten pound weight gain, water retention, mood swings, and depression are common. But the more serious side effects of blood clots to the lungs (pulmonary emboli), clots to the legs (phlebitis), strokes, high blood pressure are certainly not worth a few minutes of sexual pleasure at college age.

If, however, a female decides she must take "the pill" then she should do so responsibly and under a physician's care (preferably one from her hometown) with a full physical that includes a pelvic exam. Suck it up! Maybe even ask her mom or older sister for a referral. This drug is potent and the prescription of it needs to be monitored. It

really should be saved for when a couple wants to practice planned parenthood -- not planned singlehood.

If planned singlehood is practiced correctly, worrying about becoming a parent shouldn't be a primary concern. What should be a concern are the sexually transmitted disease of HIV/AIDS that can go undetected and spread for years after one session of unprotected sex. Here are some helpful tips:

To help prevent pregnancy: Ladies, avoid sex during the middle ten days of your cycle (day one being the first day of your period). It's your responsibility to keep track. Mark your calendar. You won't be the first to have numbers written on the calendar that don't coincide with anything else. Find some-

Letters to the Editor: Hillel supports safe sex

To the Editor:

I want to thank and commend the writers and the editorial board for bringing to light some of the problems surrounding the lack of information and resources on campus to prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

The Jewish imperative to save a life takes precedence over all other commandments. In light of this, I am proud to say that every bathroom in the Hillel House has always had both free condoms and educational materials on safer sex (and on abstinence) from the

Centers for Disease Control. The Hillel House is accessible to all students 24 hours a day through a Simplex System on the side door.

While this hardly answers the real need for quality education and resources for disease prevention on campus, it is a start. To quote the great Jewish sage Hillel for whom my organization is named, "If I am not for myself, who will be? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?"

--Patti Mittleman,
Hillel Director/Jewish
Chaplain

Graffiti or free speech?

To The Editor:

The following entry appears in the Campus Safety Notes of the Oct. 4, 2002 edition of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*:

"Oct. 16 - Vandalism - Fifteen paintings hanging in the solar corridor of the Center for the Arts were found with bubble gum stuck to them. Graffiti was also found on several bathroom mirrors that said 'Love UR Body.'"

The "graffiti" in question was not vandalism but a political action organized by the members of S.A.G.E. (Students Advocating Gender Equality) for Love

Your Body Day, a national day of action opposing unhealthy beauty standards and supporting positive body image for women. According to the National Organization of Women (N.O.W.), Love Your Body Day provides an occasion for women to "speak out against ads and images of women that are offensive, harmful, dangerous and disrespectful." The members of S.A.G.E. celebrated Love Your Body Day by writing positive messages on campus mirrors using specially purchased erasable window markers.

In light of recent concerns over anti-Semitic graffiti, it is more important than ever that we begin a campus conversation about the differences between "speaking out," "hate speech" and "vandalism." There is a difference between "Love UR Body" and a swastika, but that difference will not be appreciated if both are treated equally, and simplistically, as acts of vandalism.

--Dr. Francesca Coppa,
English Dept.,
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Women's Studies

thing else to do, like talk, discuss a movie, read. After these ten days, you may discover he's not "all that."

Always, and I mean always, have the male partner wear a latex condom. Ladies, if he forgot his supply, develop a migraine headache and send him packing or make sure you have a supply. You are protecting yourself, not the absent minded boyfriend! Question: Did he forget them or did he use them elsewhere? Guys, don't come up empty handed on this one!

Ladies, if you are worried about a condom breaking and the possibility of pregnancy use a spermicidal cream, form, gel or sponge or better yet, get fitted with a diaphragm. Double protection never hurts and

is really a good practice to avoid a pregnancy. Remember, these are no protection against sexually transmitted diseases. Always use a latex condom.

This may be your and your partner's first time, but that only happens once. As you get older and enjoy several healthy years of planned singlehood, there are fewer "first times" (someone else's) and probably more partners. Gentlemen, it is essential that you become very efficient at slipping on the latex condom. Ladies, don't believe any guy who says, "You're the first." Protect yourself, make him wear the "latex raincoat."

--Marge Gerard,
RN, BSN

Kids grow at faster rate, not just by height



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This weekend when I went home I was startled by what I saw. While I was there, I thought I'd go see *The Ring*, which I had been dying to see. While waiting on line, I was surrounded by kids who were wearing puffed out jackets, smoking and children who were up to my waist cursing at anything that moved. At this point, all I could think of was, "What happened?"

When I was in grade school, I hated my town because of the fact that it was essentially white suburbia. When I went to high school, I met kids from all over my county including Jersey City and North Bergen. They are very much the opposite of me, and I loved it. I became completely detached from my town and lost all my ability to see the changes that were happening. Then the other day when I went to see the movie, I forgot it was also the opening day for *8 Mile*, Eminem's new flick.

What I saw actually frightened me. There were girls that could not have been older than twelve, dressed like prostitutes, with thirteen-year-old boys all over them. Young teenagers with cigarettes between their lips and people my age walking around their kids of four or five years. When did this happen? I always wanted change, but I was hoping for acceptance of the other areas around them, not complete reversal.

No matter what laws we institute to "protect" children, they're still going to grow up. It seems that kids today are even more adult than ever. However, it makes perfect sense that this is happening. For example, we are constantly upping the level of education. It becomes standard that chil-

No matter what laws we institute to "protect" children, they're still going to grow up.

becoming more and more developed and even English and literature courses are making young students think more abstractly. Essentially, we're giving minors educations that some adults don't even have, then forcing them to live in a world where they are treated as less than adults.

It is no wonder why kids are maturing faster than ever before. They want to complete their transformation.

When I was in high school, I would come home and try to talk to my parents about what I was learning and they were more or less lost. Here, there is the same problem. These kids are being force-fed an education that gets more complicated every year. After this, we tell them that they have to abide by certain laws and don't have any of the excuses aside from the fact that they're not old enough.

What politicians and lawmakers don't realize is that by trying to defend our children from the evils of the world, we are actually pushing them closer and closer to them. We are creating generations and generations of frustrated teens and pre-

teens who have no outlet for their views and/or opinions. Sadly, I don't know how we can relieve this problem. Today's society demands that children know more. Maybe by incorporating their views or having more

programs designed to further their opinions rather than their educations, we could help them to vent their views without having them resort to the decadence that has become our society.

Campus walkways need renovating

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Muhlenberg College spends money in different places in order to make the campus more aesthetically pleasing as well as make it more convenient for students. In most cases, accommodations are made when needed or at least addressed in a timely manner. Although this may be the case, in the past few weeks I have noticed the increase in ditches in the campus walkways.

Tuesday, when the sky opened up and it rained non-stop for the entire day is a prime example. By mid-afternoon when I made my long trek across campus there was barely a

spot I could step in without being up to my ankles in water. My best effort was made to weave in and out of puddles, but the fact remained that there was no escaping gaping holes that seemed to cover the campus. My socks had to be changed three times in one day and the idea of having to do even more loads of laundry in order to compensate seems almost too much to bear.

On a more serious note, these imperfections also pose a threat to disabled individuals who are a part of this community. While it is hard enough for a fully capable student to avoid the dips and ditches, how is a student in a wheelchair or on crutches supposed to maneuver?

For a college that seems to be very accessible to disabled students by providing automatic door openers for student and elevators in most building, repaving the walkways seems like a fairly simple thing that could be done.

This issue, although not a crucial one, still should be addressed by the administration. Whether it be a matter of mere convenience or one of necessity, a concern that affects all students needs to be dealt with quickly. Fixing a few holes in the ground is obviously not one of the school's top priorities, but addressing small things can make a difference in the overall environment of the campus.

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Weekly Discourse: Cameras on campus

Invasion of privacy or needed for safety?

Jonah Brassard
Weekly Guest Columnist

It has come to my attention that the College wants to place cameras throughout numerous points on campus. While some may view this as a victory for safety, others, like myself, disagree. Surveillance cameras are multifaceted in nature. They do not only serve as a means for security, but also invasion of privacy.

Currently Muhlenberg students lack many constitutional rights such as freedom of speech and freedom from lawful searches and seizures. With the addition of cameras, our freedom of privacy comes under threat. This means that my friends and I cannot walk to our classes without being observed by at least one camera. This brings up memories of Orwell's classic novel, *1984*. For those who have not read the book, it is about a world in which citizens live under the constant watch of the government, namely "Big Brother." Cameras constantly watch every citizen attempting to discover anyone that might be a threat. This new system of cameras may do just that depending upon the number of cameras. Sadly, a great many aspects of our world are coming under the prying eyes of the government like Orwell's dystopia.

Technology has enabled cameras and surveillance equipment to come down in cost. As a result, their use has become more widespread. Tickets for speeding are no longer exclusively given by

police officers. Instead, some people receive tickets in the mail since computers or cameras catch the offenders for speeding or running a red light. While some may view this as beneficial it is not always so clear. Sometimes there are mistakes made by the machines. What if a group of friends are pretending to fight in front of the cameras? This would cause campus safety to waste its time and the students' time by investigating the incident. They have better things to worry about like patrolling the school and writing up freshmen. Also, students have much better things to do than be harassed and have their personal privacy invaded. There are alternatives that can be used instead of placing cameras around the school. These should be explored before the policy becomes fully implemented.

Finally, I would like to inject some information I learned in my political science classes. People are willing to give up freedoms for the greater good. This applies to issues such as national defense. From this reasoning, it is difficult to see why we need to give up our freedom of privacy when there is no need to do so.

We are not prisoners here, and I do not wish to be constantly observed like one. It is simply another way for the school to take away more rights that the constitution gives us. We live in a democracy, not a military state. Personally, I am appalled by this decision and wish for the administration to do away with, or at least place restraints on, this new policy.

Michael Saratovsky
Weekly Guest Columnist

Some say "Big Brother" will be watching, others are calling it an invasion of privacy, I think it is a great idea. As the co-chair of the Campus Safety Advisory Committee to Campus Safety and a junior I believe that the closed circuit cameras that the school is planning on installing are a great idea, are long overdue and will be to the advantage of students.

As a member of the Campus Safety committee, run by Student Council, I have learned of all the benefits that the cameras will bring to the school. One of the proposed cameras will be located in the basement of Ettinger. This will turn the computer lab located there into a 24-hour computer lab open throughout the entire school year. This will provide students who don't live in a dorm with a computer lab access to computers when the library closes. Getting a 24-hour computer lab is something that Student Council and the Campus Safety committee have been working on for the past two years.

For any one who parked in the 23rd street parking lot last year, they might have had their car vandalized. Throughout the year, many cars had their side-view mirrors broken or cars keyed. Having a camera installed at the correct height so it could overlook the entire parking lot would deter people from continuing to vandalize student vehicles or it would help catch the people doing it.

Safety is the main point of

installing the cameras since they deter people from committing criminal acts and/or capture people in the acts. Many college campuses have had cameras in use for several years. Some of these schools put cameras in every high traffic area on campus to prevent trouble. Muhlenberg just wants to install them in areas that may be vandalized or robbed. One camera will go by the cashier's window, one by the Martin Art gallery (that at times contains priceless art work), one by the ticket office in the Trexler Pavilion and one in the Life Sports Center (which, over the last break, was broken into).

Many students are concerned that Campus Safety will monitor the cameras to catch students that are stumbling around drunk. This was a concern of mine too, until meeting with Ken Lupole. Ken assured me three things. First, no one in the Campus Safety Office has the time to sit and watch the cameras looking at each student. Secondly, capturing someone stumble or fall on camera cannot be used to accuse people of being intoxicated. Lastly, the cameras are for our safety and will not be used to find drunken students doing anything wrong.

If you don't trust the administration, that's fine, but trust the Campus Safety Office that is here to protect you and keep you safe. If you really believe that Campus Safety is just here to bust up parties and drunken students, then come to a Campus Safety Advisory Committee at Safety Headquarters and hear the real story.

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Walk to D.C. stops on campus

By MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

The 19.8 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, located in the northeastern corner of Alaska, is the only refuge that encompasses a complete range of arctic and subarctic ecosystems that is still in existence. The refuge is currently being threatened by prospects of oil development. If oil companies were permitted to extract oil from within the refuge, the impact on local ecosystems would be enormous. This is exactly what Tim Leach, Jillian Morrissey and William Greenland hope to prevent. The three came to the College on Friday to present a slide show and discuss their mission to help the Refuge cause.

In an attempt to discover what is at stake if this area is opened to oil development, Tim Leach took a five hundred mile solo bike ride

from Fairbanks, Alaska to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Leach stated, "[I] wanted to see for myself what was really behind the issues." He chose to use a bike for his travels because it was the most environmentally friendly method of transportation that was available to him. Leach described his travels as an "all encompassing sensory experience."

The area targeted for development is currently utilized by porcupine caribou as their calving grounds. Development would disrupt caribou birthing habits and, ultimately, alter the size of the population. Additionally, oil companies currently average over one oil spill per day in presently utilized Alaskan oil fields and with this high rate of accident, an oil spill in this sensitive area is almost unavoidable.

This past summer, Leach returned to the Refuge, accompanied by Jillian Morrissey, in order to dis-

cuss the issues at hand with members of the Gwich'in Athabaskan Indian Nation, the native people of the area.

Leach and Morrissey educated local children about protecting their home from unnecessary oil development. During this time, the children drew and painted several banners that will be carried to Washington, D.C. during the "Walk to Washington, D.C. - for the Arctic Refuge."

The "Walk to Washington, D.C." is an eight thousand mile trek designed to promote public awareness and more energy efficient solutions to our country's current energy problems. The walk ends on Nov. 16 in Washington, D.C. This slide show presentation at the College is one of 40 that will be offered on the northeastern leg of Leach and Morrissey's trek. Anyone concerned with this pertinent issue was invited to join Leach and Morrissey



William Greenland, a member of the Gwich'in Nation, speaks to students about life in Alaska.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

on their walk in order to "make [their] voices heard as consumers and as constituents."

Joining Leach and Morrissey on this segment of their journey is William Greenland, a member of the Gwich'in Nation. Greenland called his people the "Caribou People" as their entire lives are based on porcupine caribou. The Gwich'in people use various caribou parts as sustenance, clothing and shelter. While

speaking about the importance of local caribou herds, Greenland said, "take the caribou away and we are just people, individuals."

Leach left spectators with the message, "we are not commanders of this ecosystem. We are merely a part of it." He and Morrissey encouraged interested students to get involved by conserving energy, writing senators and representatives and joining the "Walk to Washington, D.C."

New dorms design recognized

By LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

The architects of Robertson and South Halls were recently honored with a Design Award for their construction of the two residence buildings. The architectural firm, Ewing Cole Cherry Brott, received one of the "Honor Awards" in The Philadelphia Chapter of American Institute of Architects 2002 competi-

tion. A picture of the dorms is featured in a special section of the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

The 2002 Design Excellence program featured a "Celebration of Design" theme. Of the 130 submissions for the competition, one firm was honored with a "Gold Award," seven won the "Honor Award" and six won the "Merit Award." Ewing Cole Cherry Brott proudly accepted its prestigious

award with the jury referring to Robertson and South as "well-designed, well-detailed; and a serious modernist statement."

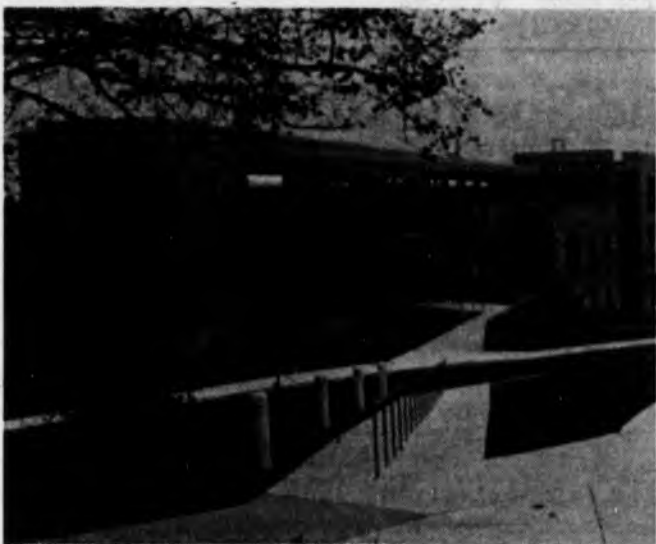
Robertson and South are unique from other College dormitories, as each suite is comprised of four single bedrooms in addition to a living room, bathroom and kitchenette. The usage of large glass windows gives the two buildings a unique look and its residents a view of the city.

Each floor of the buildings includes a large lounge area with a kitchen, television, furniture and Internet outlets. The amenities these buildings offer give upperclassmen a feeling of living off campus while remaining right on campus. The two buildings can house 140 residents.

With the completion of these two buildings last December, numerous students have shown interest in

living there. While the beautiful architecture has truly captured the attention of many, students seem to show an even deeper interest in the state-of-the-art

facilities these buildings have to offer. The privilege of receiving an honor award for its architecture has only heightened the overall success of the new dormitories.



The designers of South and Robertson dorms won an architectural design award.

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LVAIC STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2003

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Bust at Ye Olde Tavern

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underage drinking, Schaefer stated that the usual fine for each underage individual is \$1,000.

Officer Markowitz of the APD contends, "I'm sure there is a possibility they face charges." Markowitz was unable to clarify what other repercussions the Tavern may face.

According to Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, a fire marshal was also called to the scene on Sunday to address potential fire safety issues at the Tavern. Schaefer noted that

"Those scanners are a waste of time and money. They... cost hundreds of dollars to get in here and set up."

Dan Schaefer

the fire inspector issued a warning and said that no more than 65 people at a time can occupy the Tavern.

The Tavern currently does not utilize license scanners in an effort to crack down on underage drinking.

"Those scanners are a waste of time and money," said Schaefer. "They are impractical and cost hundreds of dollars to get in here and set up. They are also not very reliable because the people who make the IDs have found ways through them."

In an effort to monitor the alcohol served, Schaefer stated that, "If someone orders a pitcher with five glasses, we ask for five IDs."

According to Brenda Lakis, Campus Safety Officer "two APD officers patrol the neighborhood" over weekends, and they were the ones to respond to the noise complaint. After responding to the call, they called in to Campus Safety and APD to report the situation.

The APD special patrol unit on the scene was part of a probation and parole ride-along program where Lehigh County probation officers join patrolling officers. "We check on bars in the Allentown area. We pick them at random," explained Markowitz. The officers

look specifically for individuals on probation. "The interest was not to bust underage drinking. We were looking for wanted parties," stated Markowitz.

In addition to the underage drinking that occurred at the Tavern, an upperclassman was arrested for disorderly conduct. Gabriel explained that after exchanging words with Officer Schlegel, the officer cuffed him.

When Gabriel asked why he was being arrested, Schlegel said, "for being an asshole." According to Gabriel, Schlegel failed to explain to Gabriel what charges were held against him, contending that, "you'll have plenty of time to read [the ticket] tonight." Gabriel was not brought into the police station,

but rather issued a ticket that said he "failed to leave the area." Gabriel noted that he was confused as to why he was arrested because he was not told by the officer to leave the area.

Arrested students will also face consequences on campus. Each student will be referred to the judicial process for alcohol violations and in some cases, the possession of fake IDs.

As for the two athletic recruits, Alyssa Rabenold, Assistant Director of Admissions said, "The students would be treated in the same manner as any other student caught drinking underage. It also would severely hurt their chances of admission to Muhlenberg and any other college."

Competition for banners

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sheet.

The banners are to also advertise Scotty Wood and promote pride in the College. "The banner contest was created to get student involvement around campus."

According to Sweeney, this year's panel of judges consists of "professors and prominent students involved on campus," said Healy. With lower student involvement than usual, this year's contest saw fewer banners submitted than in previous years.

Judging of the contest occurred all this week, and the final banners will hang at the Scotty Wood basketball tournament this weekend.



A Scotty Wood banner made by Alpha Phi Omega hangs in Seegers Union to advertise the contest.

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Binding agreement questioned

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style was in conflict with the College's mission," said Steffy.

Faculty hold a mixed response to the binding agreement. Some felt it was restrictive and unjustified.

"I am puzzled how a sense of muzzling of this kind can have any kind of legal bearing. It reminds me of the Soviet Union... that was a dictatorial government," said Albert Kipa, Head of Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

In response to faculty concerns, Curtis Dretsche, Dean of the College for Faculty, explained the reason for creating the agreement. "[We] entered into [the agreement] in exchange for [Taylor's] departure and in exchange for no litigation. We may not like it...[but] we are bound as members of this community to this agreement as long as members are willing to accept protection from litigation in this agreement." The faculty are covered under the agreement, made

on their behalf as employees of the College. If they choose to violate the terms of the agreement, they risk losing the College's protection.

Following further comments from the faculty about the agreement, Dretsche reaffirmed that, "Given the potential outcomes, we got much more than it looks like on the surface" from the agreement.

Still other faculty members found the agreement to be an acceptable exchange. "It is an unfortunate agreement, but not necessarily a bad agreement," explained Marjorie Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy. "I think we damaged our credibility as a faculty."

Hass reminded her colleagues that several members of the faculty had spread information during the summer about the Taylor departure.

Regarding the legal consequences of violating the agreement, Steffy remarked, "The validity of the agreement will only come if it's tested."

**Applications for the Spring 2003
Weekly Editorial Board
are now available at Seegers Information Desk.**

**Applications are due Dec. 3.
For more information, contact Dave
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Keats' letters published

By JUSTIN BUCHBINDER
Weekly News Writer

With a desire to teach people more about poet John Keats, Professor Grant Scott of the English department published a book of Keats' letters this July.

With the recent discoveries of four of Keats' letters, this is the first Keats book to be published in the last 30 years.

Scott spent a year on each of these publications. His Keats book differs from

most other books on the poet, because most have been scholarly editions. These editions are typically filled with a "barbed wire" of scholarly apparatus, meaning that there are more footnotes and parentheses on a page than actual words written by Keats himself.

"Keats should be an interesting writer to most students because they are of the same age that he was," Scott said. Scott wanted to make it easier for college students to appreciate Keats' work.

The number of Keats' known letters is between 220 to 230. Scott envisions this book being sold in Barnes & Noble and Borders, in addition to college bookstores.

Scott has recently completed a scholarly edition of Joseph Severn's memoirs and letters. Scott focused his energies on Keats and Keats' friend Severn.

He died at the age of 25 from tuberculosis, and Keats produced some of the greatest poetry in history during his short life.

Keats' particular development was so fast, and this makes him intriguing.

Severn is Scott's other focus because he accompanied Keats to Italy.

After Keats stopped writing, the only information about him comes from the memoirs and letters of Severn.

Keats' four new letters were not easy to obtain. One of the letters found was missing a page. This page



Professor Scott sits in his office with the book of Keats letters he edited.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

was discovered framed and hung on a wall in a woman's house in Arizona.

When the Harvard Library discovered this, they offered the woman up to \$100,000, which would be tax deductible, before she finally donated it to the University on the bicentennial of Keats' birth in 1995.

Scott is currently looking for a publisher for his book of Severn's letters and memoirs. "The Severn book is a scholarly edition," Scott said, "but the Keats book is intended for students."

The book on Keats is published by Harvard Press and is available for sale in the 'Berg Bookstore.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - Allentown's proposed Arts Park could be nearing completion a year from now. Although the scope of the project remains uncertain, the Allentown Parking Authority on Monday began work on a small parking lot it owns in the first block of N. Sixth Street, across from Symphony Hall. The space will become the western stretch of the Arts Walk that will eventually connect several center city cultural institutions. The idea to link Symphony Hall, the Baum School of Art and the Allentown Art Museum with a mid-block walkway landscaped and outfitted like a park promenade will soon be a new addition to the downtown Allentown area.

Tamaqua - Lehigh Carbon Community College's Tamaqua campus isn't scheduled to open until September, but the school is bracing for the flood of applications it expects from students who will attend the satellite for free. Starting in the fall, any graduate of Tamaqua Area High School can attend the campus without paying, thanks to the late entrepreneur John E. Morgan, whose trust in August bequeathed free tuition to an unlimited number of Tamaqua graduates forever. Work to demolish Tamaqua's former junior high school on High Street to make room for the new, 30,000-square-foot LCCC campus began Monday.

Pettit strengthens Jewish-Christian relations

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

Dr. Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at the College, is now the Chair of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations. Pettit was nominated and elected by the steering committee, the group that created the Council. The other two officers, Vice-Chair Barry Cytron of Minneapolis, Minn., and Secretary-Treasurer Philip Cunningham of Chestnut Hill, Mass., are both on the board of directors.

According to the Council's website, the purposes of the Council are to promote research and publication on the history and contemporary state of Jewish-Christian relations, provide a means of cooperation and information exchange among Jewish-Christian institutes and centers and to relate internationally through membership in the International

Council of Christians and Jews.

As head of the Council's board of directors, Pettit will serve a three-year term. He hopes the Council will be distinguished by its collegiality, global awareness, shared concerns and responsiveness to the gaps in Jewish-Christian relations.

Pettit will continue to be director of the IJCU as well as an assistant professor of Religion here at the College. He said besides chairing the annual meeting of the Council, much of his work will relate to communications and coordination.

Although the administrative offices of the Council are located at the Center for Catholic-Jewish Learning at Boston College in Mass., Pettit joked that the administration consisted of three file folders in Pettit's office and five file folders in the office of Phil Cunningham, who was one of the original members of the planning committee during the Council's beginning stages.

Pettit will facilitate means for the various cen-

ters to stay in touch and be kept aware of each other's programming.

Pettit is from Wyomissing, Penn. He graduated from Princeton University, completed his seminary training at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and earned his doctorate at Claremont Graduate University.

Before coming to the College in 1999, Pettit was a Lutheran pastor in Riverside, Ca., and served for five years as director of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center in Claremont, Ca.

He currently serves on the Consultative Panel for Lutheran-Jewish Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the International Advisory Council of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel and is the North American Coordinator of the Osher Center for Religious Pluralism at the Shalom Harmant Institute in Jerusalem.

Weekend Weather

Friday



PM
Showers

High: 52
Low: 37

Saturday



Mostly
Cloudy

High: 47
Low: 38

Sunday



Some
Showers

High: 46
Low: 36

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 5 - Assist Outside Agency - Campus Police assisted an outside agency in the arrest of a student in Robertson who had a warrant for outstanding parking tickets. The student paid the fines.

Nov. 5 - Harassment Over Computer - A student was harassed over the computer. The student is believed to have been harassed by an outsider of the College.

Nov. 5 - Vandalism - Vandalism was found at Robertson when apples were found thrown at the building.

Nov. 6 - Theft - A Domino's Pizza sign was stolen from a pizza delivery car outside of Taylor.

Nov. 6 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A faculty vehicle was found hit in the parking lot of the Seegers Union.

Nov. 8 - Vandalism To Vehicle - A car was broken into in the ML parking lot. The door and ignition was found damaged.

Nov. 9 - Theft - A student living in Prosser Hall was found with a stolen large folding table from Seegers Union. The student was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Nov. 9 - Vandalism - Several graffiti markings were found on the wall of third floor Walz.

Nov. 9 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A Wood Service vehicle hit a parked car in

the Seegers Union parking lot.

Nov. 9 - Theft - The top of a birdbath was stolen from an off-campus house.

Nov. 9 - Controlled Substance Violation - A baggie containing marijuana was found in the hallway of Walz Hall while the RA was doing rounds.

Nov. 9 - Alcohol Violation - Seven students were found in violation of the alcohol policy in Benfer. The students were referred to the Judicial Panel. Two non-students were issued letters of trespass.

Nov. 10 - Disorderly Conduct - Brian Gabriel was caught in violation of disorderly conduct outside

of the Muhlenberg Tavern.

Nov. 10 - Alcohol violation - Two students were caught in violation of alcohol policy and were referred to the Judicial Panel.

Nov. 10 - Possession of False ID - One student was caught in possession of a false ID at the Muhlenberg Tavern and was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Nov. 10 - Possession of False ID - A student in Walz was found in possession of a false ID. The student was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Nov. 10 - Fire Violation - Alpha Epsilon Pi house was found in guilty of a fire violation when their basement door was found propped

open by a fire extinguisher. Plastic bags were found covering the smoke detectors.

Nov. 10 - Injured Student - A student experienced severe lower back pain and was transferred to St. Luke's Hospital.

Nov. 11 - Fire Alarm - A student's steamy shower set the fire alarm off in Robertson hall.

Nov. 12 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle was towed from a College parking lot because of over \$1,000 worth of parking fines.

Nov. 12 - Vehicle Violation - A car in the Trexler Library parking lot was booted for over \$1,000 worth of parking fines.



SCOTTY WOOD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Come show your spirit at the Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament!!!

2002 Scotty Wood Tournament Schedule

Women's Tournament

Friday, November 22
1:00 St. Lawrence vs. Stevens
Tech
3:00 Muhlenberg vs. Albright
Saturday, November 23
1:00 consolation game
6:00 championship game

Men's Tournament

Friday, November 22
6:00 R. Stockton vs. Staten Island
8:00 Muhlenberg vs. Stevens
Tech
Saturday, November 23
3:00 consolation game
8:00 championship game

- ⊕FREE STUDENT ADMISSION
- ⊕WIN A VW JETTA
- ⊕GREAT FOOD
- ⊕HALF-TIME ENTERTAINMENT
- ⊕PRIZES



Women's role in Buddhism changing

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Buddhism, women are now accepted as able to achieve Nirvana, according to Ellison Findley, who discussed "Buddhist Nuns: The Struggle and the Promise" on Nov. 6.

Findley's talk had several parts, as she laid the background for her argument first and then discussed how this background related to various events in the history of Buddhism.

Findley explained the major belief of Buddhism, which is, "We suffer because we are attached to things that change."

Findley discussed the history of Buddhist nuns and pointed to the social constructs of different time periods to illustrate her ideas. She argued that because women were seen as impure and polluted due to their menstrual cycle, they were not to be given the title "Arhat." "In Buddhism, Arhat means 'the worthy,' or someone who has achieved Nirvana," said Findley. The title was reserved for monks alone.

Findley pointed to two questions that were asked of the Buddha by women wanting to go forth, or become nuns.

The first question was, "Can women go forth?" The Buddha said no.

Because women were seen as permanently polluted, they could not go forth. The second question was, "If women have already gone forth, is it possible for them to attain Nirvana?" The Buddha said yes.

"In theory, women could be given the title Arhat," said Findley. She looked to Hinduism for much of her argument as this idea of feminine impurity stemmed from that religion.

Once shunned from the world of

In Hinduism, unmarried women were seen as aggressive and erotic, another reason why it was difficult for Buddhist nuns to go forth and be accepted at the time.

Findley discussed the relationship in Buddhism between a donor and a renunciant as well.

A monk or nun (a renunciant) wishing to go forth would wander from house to house, go to a door and hope that the individual who answered the door (usually a housewife) would give food, drink, garments or medicine. In return, the monk would give the donor good karma for a successful journey on the way to reaching nirvana.

When women arrived at the door, the donors did not wish to give them anything, because this would cause the donor's eternal field to become polluted since the nuns were naturally polluted.

Because they were not successful in receiving from donors, over time, the Buddhist nuns died out.

More recently, in 1996, a sect of Buddhist nuns started in Sri Lanka, and the amount of Buddhist nuns all over the world continues to grow.

Because the sociological views of this time period are different, this evolution is allowed to occur. Buddha's promise that women can go forth, achieve Nirvana and receive the title Arhat is now alive again. "We can change the sociological context so the promise is possible," said Findley.

Findley is a Professor of Religion and International Studies at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and has created the course of study leading to a minor in Mythology. She is the editor of *Women's Buddhism*, *Buddhism's Women: Tradition, Revision, Renewal*, as well as co-editor of *Women, Religion, and Social Change*.

Lectures and Forums, the Asian Students Association, the International Students Association, the Office of Multicultural Life, the Asian Traditions Program and the Department of Religion sponsored the lecture.

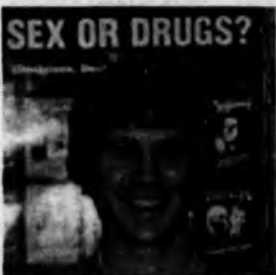
Upcoming Chapel Events

Sunday, Nov. 17	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel 2:30 PM Snacks/Rake & Run-Meet at ChapelHouse 6:00 PM FaithWorks at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Nov. 19	7:00 PM Worship Band in Chapel 9:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel 10:00 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Nov. 20	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

The ChapelHouse is located at 2206 Chew Street.

If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

WEEKLY

Life!**"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it."****-Danny Kaye****Question of the Week:****What's your biggest turn-on?****"A girl that smells good is always good."****-Adam Cohen '06****"A guy with intelligence and style. Inquire within x5091."****-Jessica Dorras '05****"A girl that can dance and knows how to move."****-Billy Feingold '06****"A guy with a good singing voice is like, 'Oh-my-God,-melt-me-into-a-puddle-on-the-floor.'"****-Erica Jacobus '06**

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Muhlenberg gets a dose of wonder from magician Robert Neale**Magician Robert Neale stirs up wonder and professes his theories on magic.**

PHOTO BY MARK ROGOL

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

Magicians are often associated with card tricks, sawing women in half and other illusions that astound. Although they have been described as "wonderful," seldom do they actually explain how wonder is defined. On Nov. 6, philosopher and magician

Robert Neale came to the College as the fifth speaker in this year's Theory and Art of Magic Series.

Neale gave two lectures. One was entitled "Wonderworks" and it discussed how ideology of wonder applies to magic. His philosophical lecture, "Will Wonders Ever Cease?" tackled the concept of wonder and its applica-

tion in the world. By using humorous and insightful metaphors, Neale inspired and forced the audience to question their own views of wonder.

He began the lecture by giving a description of what he called, "a spiritual squat." By literally squatting down and looking through his legs, he saw the world in a new light. Neale said that children do this best, and they force adults to do it as well.

Perhaps one of the most profound examples he gave was his soccer ball demonstration. He took a soccer ball and cut it so that there were two holes whose pieces connected inside the ball. He proposed several questions like, "If the flaps are connected, is it still a hole?" or "Is it still a ball?" After these thought-provoking questions, Neale simply stated, "I like my toy ball."

Neale went on to say that wonder is essentially chance, something that can not be explained. However, he also stated that people may still wonder about explainable things.

*Continued on page 10***Magical Learning from Robert Neale****BY KRISTIN BURKHART**
Weekly Staff Writer

Robert Neale has been described as a "maker of magic about magic." It was clear from his visit to the College last week that his work, which is very well-respected in the magic world, is not that of a typical magician. Mr. Neale focuses very intently on what makes magic appealing and the types of magic that are generally performed today. He also discussed what he believes to be the correct type of magic.

The lecture presented by

Neale on Nov. 7 was meant to explain his theories on magic. Neale believes that the very root of magic's appeal is wonder. Wonder is personally defined by Neale as "respect for what is; recognition of a specific existence."

Neale also believes that magic is best presented as edification, as something that brings human beings to a realization of the breadth and depth of their lives. He says that the goal of a magician is to remind the audience of the awe-inspiring and beautiful things they have experienced in their

lives. He wants people to make discoveries within themselves from the magic that he himself performs on stage.

The magician explained that many people and many magicians consider the magician's goal to be one of deception and mystification of the audience. If a viewer is confused by the tricks done, some believe that the viewer has become enchanted by the illusion. Therefore, the magician is successful. However, Neale contends that illusion and

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From ovaries to open-mic to Muhlenberg

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Navigating the dangerous brothels of Bombay, out-playing a pimp, overcoming a fear of confrontation and literally letting justice flow. All these stories were shared last Thursday evening in Lithgow Science Auditorium as a group of women and men gathered to share and hear tales told of "bold females and their brazen acts" at the College's first *That Takes Ovaries* open-mic event.

That Takes Ovaries is a national grassroots movement based on the book *That Takes Ovaries*, a collection of stories edited by Rivka Solomon. As explained at the *That Takes Ovaries* website, the women in the book share their stories "from courageous and smart to outrageous and foolhardy, from the seemingly frivolous to the obviously political...[to show] what real femininity looks like today--sassy, self-assured, and estrogen-fueled."

That Takes Ovaries was published in May and reviewed in both *Jane* and *Glamour*. *Glamour* praised the acknowledgment of "ballsy acts by bold women the anatomically correct way." *Jane* suggests giving the book with a Bikini Kill CD and a copy of *Thelma & Louise* as an introduction to third-wave feminism.

It was through these magazines that Kate Arney-Cimino '05 discovered *That Takes Ovaries*. "After reading story after story in this book about these brave



A Muhlenberg student stands up at the open mic and expresses her feelings at *That Takes Ovaries*.

PHOTO BY AMY COOKSON

women, I started to assess my own bravery," Arney-Cimino explains. She decided it was time to act. At the end of the book there is a section devoted to organizing open-mic nights, which "are taking place all over the country. This open mic...is the first *That Takes Ovaries* open-mic to come to a college. Last month there was even an open-mic event in India," says Arney-Cimino.

This was the second *That Takes Ovaries* open-mic Arney-Cimino organized; she also developed one in her hometown, Boulder, CO. Here at the College advised by Dr. Francesca Coppa, Assistant Professor of English, as well as faculty advisor to G.S.A. (Gay Straight Alliance) and

S.A.G.E. (Students Advocating Gender Equality), Arney-Cimino worked to create a forum where women could share their stories of bravery and audacity. She explains, "I suddenly wanted to have more moments in my life when my heart was racing and I was terrified and I couldn't remember much of what I said because I was truly speaking...from the heart. When that moment is over you want it again because the feeling of fear and empowerment at the same time is addicting."

Arney-Cimino was very pleased with both the event itself and the turnout. "I was so happy that everyone talked," she added. "It takes ovaries just to go up to the mic."

The sweet sounds of jazz fill the Empie Theatre

By JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writer

The tunes of such famous musicians as Cole Porter and Duke Ellington filled the Empie Theatre this weekend as the Muhlenberg Jazz Ensemble held their fall concert. The eighteen-member ensemble performed a variety of old favorites and more modern pieces on Sat., Nov. 9th for a large, enthusiastic crowd.

Directed by Albert J. Neumeyer, who also conducts the Muhlenberg Wind Ensemble, the group featured eight guest artists, many of who were alumni of the College. The guest performers proved to be significant contributors to the group, as many of the standout performances were compliments of their tal-

ents. Alto saxophonist James Tulli '98, who also performs with The Ted Conner Quartet, was very impressive in his solo in "Stairway to the Stars" by Bill Holman, while pianist Anthony Buccafurni '98 won raves for his rendition of "Body and Soul" by Marty Paich.

Highlights of the evening included the Caribbean-inspired tune "St. Thomas," which had audience members swaying in their seats, as well as "So What" by the incomparable Miles Davis and "C. Jam Blues" by jazz giant Duke Ellington. The mostly instrumental concert was interspersed with one vocal performance by Aaron Weakland '04. The junior sang "I've Got You under

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Show of wonder by Neale

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Robert Neale presented another thought-provoking idea. He stated that after 30 organizations agreed to study 300 million over-the-counter drugs, that less than one-fourth was safe. In response to this fact, these companies came up with a wonder drug known as Rexile. Rexile aided bodily functions such as buffering the stomach and relief of cold symptoms and muscle aches. Finally Neale revealed what some of the members of the audience had already figured out: Rexile was in fact water, which amazed many people.

Finally, he went over the three stages of wonder. The first stage being attention,

shock and respect for the wonder, followed by a feeling of awe. Wonder should leave you "charmed, but also made to tremble." The final stage is that of action after initial shock. Basically, the curiosity and the steps that are taken to fulfill that curiosity are considered to be action.

After the lecture, Neale allowed for questions and answers. His thoughts and philosophies on wonder and magic represent his ideas for life as well. Although many magicians perform only magic tricks, Robert Neale went beyond that and looked for magic in life as well. Neale showed how to look for wonder, not just on stage, but in the everyday world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING???

Thursday, November 14

8-10pm Student Union Lobby
"SEAN & NORA WHITTAKER"



Friday, November 15

10pm-2am Student Union Lobby
"WAX HANDS"



Saturday, November 16

8-9:30pm Red Door
Comedians "BRAD TRACKMAN & SHERRY DAVY"



10pm Garden Room
Psychics "THE EVASONS"



10pm-2am Student Union Lobby
"PSYCHIC FAIR"



Sunday, November 17 THE SEAN CUNNINGHAM V'BALL TOURNEY

Tuesday, November 19 BLOOD DRIVE in the Red Door

Wednesday, November 20 LAST MAC MEETING with free ice cream



Thanksgiving Shuttle Service

A free shuttle service to and from the Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown Bus Terminal (3rd & Hamilton Streets), and the Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal (Wescosville) will be provided on Wednesday, November 27 and Sunday, December 1 to accommodate those traveling for Thanksgiving break.

If you are in need of transportation, please contact the College's Shuttle coordinator, Steve Goosley, by Monday, November 25 at 610-417-1057, or shuttlemanmule1@aol.com.

Andrew Dykers: Smooth and soulful

Philosophy of Neale's magic

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

Due to the recent explosion in the number of solo singer-songwriters being offered record deals by major labels, it's become harder for artists to separate themselves from the rest of the pack. Andrew Dykers has made a name for himself around college campuses across the country crafting short, melodic diddies that you'll find more closely resemble Marvin Gaye than the myriad of Dave Matthews-sounding solo artists. With a mixture of soulful songs and comical chitchat, Dykers captivated a small crowd at the Student Union Lobby Friday night.

A Chapel Hill, North Carolina native, Andrew Dykers draws on a range of influences from Stevie Wonder to James Taylor when defining his brand of blues-driven rhythms and introspective lyrics. A strong background in the history of pop music is not necessary to notice the extremely apparent influence Van Morrison has had on Dyker's vocals, either. When it comes to bantering, Dykers has no problem keeping his crowd on their toes trying to figure out what exactly he's talking about. He took time to discuss Muhlenberg's own Egner Chapel, which he said "must have taken a lot of work to build."

A self-proclaimed perfectionist, Dykers should have left satisfied with the technical aspects of his performance. It was a strong showcase, although one might find his vocals tended to drone, vacillating little in tone color from song to song. By and large his ability to eschew the folk sound some his contemporaries have gained popularity from to create a style of raw, soulful tunes has enabled Dykers to garner praise from music fans and critics alike.

Jazzing up the 'Berg

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"My Skin" by Cole Porter and received thunderous applause for the light-hearted song.

The evening culminated with the Cab Calloway tune "Minnie the Moocher," which required audience participation. The personable conductor turned to the audience with a smile and told the group to repeat the verses after the band. After a practice session, he told the crowd that he was depending on them--to everyone's delight, both the audience and the ensemble performed perfectly.

The end of the concert was met with a standing ovation by the enthusiastic crowd. In response, the ensemble played an encore. The piece of music they picked, "On the Sunny Side of the Street," had the audience dancing in their seats. The tune was a perfect end to an evening of incredible music by the extremely talented students of the College.



Unique singer-songwriter Dykers performs his soft and relaxing songs in Seegers Union Lobby on Friday evening. His songs draw from such artists as Stevie Wonder and Van Morrison.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

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mystery are secondary purposes of magic; one must try to bring people to an understanding of themselves or their world through magic.

Claiming that he attempts to learn about himself through his own magic act, Neale is very fond of doing magical meditations that focus on making points about different universal topics of human life such as sex, friendship and death.

Neale is also a fan of Sigmund Freud's theory of sublimation that states that even the most abstract things have roots in concrete human concepts. He

likes to create tricks that connect some idea, such as a mathematical problem, to simple human behaviors, such as procreation.

The performer does note, however, that a magician should probably alert the audience before introducing deeper concepts into magic acts since most people are not expecting such thought-provoking material in a magic show.

Neale also expressed his belief that magicians need to believe in what they are doing in order for it to be effective. It seems apparent that Robert Neale follows his own theories and truly believes in the wonder he inspires as a magician.



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Taurus

Be on the lookout for trouble this week. In one class in particular you've been thinking about how nice it is that you haven't had a quiz in a while. Well, that's about to change so be prepared!

Gemini

Lately you've been complaining a lot about how you look. Well then it's time to do something about it. Stop complaining and go to the gym--or stop eating like you're trying to gain the freshman fifty!

Cancer

Lately you've been worried about money, but you keep on spending it on useless things. You might need cash later on; you'll be wishing you hadn't bought that fifth pair of Mules shorts that you just had to have.

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Leo

The language of love... recently you've been feeling like you've never learned it. Make sure next time you see that guy or girl you like, let them know that you're thrilled to be with them so maybe they'll get the hint.

Virgo

Learn to be decisive! You're someone who always lets other people make decisions about your life or even just about what you're going to do that night. Take charge for once and show people that you're not just a follower.

S libra

Don't go to the bookshop this week! If you do it will definitely be a decision you regret because tragedy may befall you there.

Scorpio

Lately you've been taking a lot of your frustrations out on your parents. Watch it. They may pay for tuition--they're willing to shell out \$30,000 a year so you can party...er, learn.

Sagittarius

I know you've been avoiding reading all semester but maybe you should try and actually pick up a book this week. It may help your grades which have been seriously suffering.

Capricorn

You've just gotten out of a serious relationship, or gotten over a crush. Take time to yourself before you go out and move onto someone new every night to get over it.

Aquarius

Do you know about all the haunted dorm rooms on campus? Be careful because yours may be one of them and if you didn't know it you may find out soon..

Pisces

Having trouble studying in your room? Do you get distracted by Jerry Springer and Oprah? Checking people's away messages instead of reading? Maybe you should visit the library sometime--it's a pretty cool place.

I Spy with my little eye an enjoyable comedy

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

I Spy is funny. It's really quite that simple. It's a comedy and it's funny. *I Spy* is based loosely

on the same-titled 1960's television series with Bill Cosby and Robert Culp. Culp played Kelly Robinson, a former Princeton law student and Davis Cup tennis player. Cosby was Alex Scott, a Rhodes scholar and language expert. Disguised as athlete and trainer, respectively, they traveled the globe spying for Uncle Sam.

In the new *I Spy*, Owen Wilson is Special Agent Alex Scott of the Bureau of National Security, or BNS as it's referred to in the movie. He's assigned to work with civilian boxer Kelly Robinson, played by Eddie Murphy, a typically arrogant and undefeated middleweight champion. They go to Hungary to stop an evildoer from selling a souped-up spy plane to other villains. This particular evildoer (Malcolm McDowell) is a boxing fan, which is why Robinson is recruited for the secret mission.

The plot is weak and predictable. If you're looking for an interesting story with twists and turns that the characters navigate, you'll be better off renting *LA Confidential*. However, the movie's end result isn't nearly as important as its journey: if getting there is half the fun, then in *I Spy* it's all the fun. That's not to say the ending is disappointing. It's just predictable, but it's also satisfying and entertaining.

Wilson's Alex is a likeable, everyman's agent. He's nervous around fellow agent Rachel (*X-Men's* Famke Janssen), the object of his affection. He feels inferior when compared to Super Agent Carlos (Gary Cole). All the while Alex is sweetly endearing as he tries to prove himself worthy of the distinction of being a Special Agent as opposed to just a regular agent. Murphy's Kelly is cocky and sarcastic. He's like the donkey from *Shrek* with boxing gloves and a stronger libido. He's hysterical.

He and Wilson work well together. Each is equally adept at stealing scenes as they try to one-up each other in a battle for the last laugh. Both are the butt of the jokes, both play the straight man and both are wonderfully entertaining, particularly when ladies-man Kelly tries to help Alex deal with his feelings for Rachel. Just try not to laugh too loud as Kelly feeds Alex the lyrics for an uproarious rendition of "Sexual Healing."

I Spy may be sugary-light fluff, but sometimes a little silliness goes down well.

Final Grade: A-

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Alumni Jack McCallum returns to campus



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McCallum is no ordinary graduate, though. He is a Senior Writer for *Sports Illustrated* (SI), the nation's seminal sports magazine. In the field of sports journalism this is one of the most highly competitive publications and jobs.

McCallum's work had appeared frequently in the magazine throughout his twenty-one year career at SI. For the past two seasons, he has been the publication's National Basketball Association (NBA) beat writer. This means he must know about everything going on in the NBA and write weekly articles that have something to do with the NBA, its teams, and/or its players. The meeting with McCallum, which was attended by four other students interested in this field, was everything I had hoped it would be and a whole lot more.

Right from the start of this hour-long session McCallum was outgoing, pleasant and came across as a great guy. McCallum has

For the first time in my 21 plus years in existence, I became "star struck" on Mon. Nov. 4 when I was afforded the opportunity to meet with Muhlenberg alum- nus Jack McCallum. Jack McCallum had come back to school as part of the Career Development

not forgotten where he came from. He was quick to tell us that he was the son of a butcher from a blue collar New Jersey town. McCallum received a scholarship to attend Muhlenberg, and was able to contribute as a member of the basketball team.

In January of his senior year, McCallum started looking for a job with either one of the two local newspapers, *The Morning Call* or *The Bethlehem Times*, and through his widely respected professor/mentor, McCallum landed a job with *The Bethlehem Globe Times* working part time. The night of his interview, he was told to buy a basketball scorebook and cover a local high school game.

McCallum continued to develop a knack

for journalism during a summer hiatus from school when he took a journalism course at Boston University that changed the Jersey native forever. Not surprisingly, after he received his diploma, the Muhlenberg graduate went back to work for *The Bethlehem Globe Times*. McCallum would eventually leave

the Lehigh Valley and move to the city of Baltimore, where his career began to flourish while writing for the city's leading newspaper, *The Baltimore Sun*.

In Baltimore, McCallum also began to write some freelance pieces that were picked up by SI. He wrote a freelance piece about Chip Hilton that was bought and subsequently published by SI, changing his life forever.

The Hilton piece was extraordinary well-received by people throughout the nation, and by his own admission, the piece played a factor in the decision to hire McCallum as a writer for SI over twenty-one years ago.

"McCallum has not forgotten where he came from, as he was quick to tell us he was the son of a butcher from a blue collar New Jersey town..."

Women's soccer finishes up their season at the CC Championships

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Franklin & Marshall 2-1. The game took place Sunday on the Muhlenberg Varsity field. Johns Hopkins defeated Gettysburg by a score of 3-0. Meg McIntosh scored two second half goals to put the game out of reach. The Centennial Conference Championship is Johns Hopkins' first since 1997.

Coach Leslie Benintend also fell one short of reaching a milestone as she ended the season with 99 wins. The majority of the Mules 2002 consisting of mainly juniors, with some returning freshman and sophomore will play next season.

The Mules will lose two starting players, Senior midfielder Jamie Gluck and Senior goalie Kim Laurino who greatly contributed in their four year career at Muhlenberg.

The Mules had its defending Centennial Conference Championship stolen from them and lost at home. This was the first time the team has lost while hosting the championships since 1999. The Mules fell just short of a three-peat championship.

In the championship game, Gettysburg (11-6-2) faced Johns Hopkins, who who defeated Franklin & Marshall 2-1. The game took place Sunday on the Muhlenberg Varsity field. Johns Hopkins defeated Gettysburg by a score of 3-0.

With Junior Dawn Iberer's showing in the last regular season game, the junior forward moved to a total of one hundred and seven points for her career, one point short of the Muhlenberg women's soccer school record. Coach Leslie Benintend also fell one short of reaching a milestone as she ended the season with ninety-nine wins.

Named Second Team All-American last year, forward Dawn Iberer was named to the Third Team All-American this year and led her team with seventeen goals this season.

Scoreboard

Football

Sat. Nov. 9, Mules
vs. Union, 44-13.

Junior Matt Bernardo

broke the school
record for career
rushing yards with
2,783.

Senior Justin Jones
was named CC
Offensive Player of the
Week for the second
consecutive week.



Women's Soccer

CC Semi-finals

Sat. Nov. 9, Mules vs.
Gettysburg, 1-0.

This is the first time
the Mules have lost at
home to their CC oppo-
nent
since
1999.



Men's Soccer

CC Semi-finals

Sat. Nov. 9, Mules at
Johns Hopkins, 0-0.

The game was won in
a shootout 6-5 in favor
of Johns Hopkins.

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Mules football shoots down the Flying Dutchman

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only nine games.

Muhlenberg travels to Steel Field in Bethlehem to face archrival Moravian. Since the rivalry began in 1900, Moravian holds a 30-18-2 advantage over Muhlenberg. Members of the competitive Mid Atlantic Conference, the 5-5 Hounds last season defeated 7-4 Muhlenberg by a count of 17-7 in

Allentown. Moravian intercepted six passes and held a near two-to-one time of possession against their Lehigh Valley adversaries.

After obtaining a 7-0 lead late in the first half, Muhlenberg fell apart during a 24-play Moravian drive that ate 12:02 of the second quarter, and resulted in a field goal.

Despite losing seven starters, the Hounds returned 44 letter winners

and 19 starters for this season. Riding a six game winning streak, 7-2 Moravian hosts Muhlenberg in the Hounds' only out of Conference game of the season.

"I think Moravian will upset them," says local football fan Kenny Greb. "I'd watch for Moravian to establish the run early to open the passing game for Bowden, who can go across the middle or throw deep

when he needs to."

Heading into the last week of the season, the Muhlenberg football team is ranked seventh in the ECEC. This recognizes supremacy in eastern college football, including teams in the top East and Division I-A, I-AA, II, and III. Among division III teams, there are 74 squads eligible for nomination. Moravian is tied for 13th according to this poll.

Weekend Game

Football

Sat. Nov. 16, Mules

at Moravian 1:00

p.m.



Approximately 3 million teenagers a year contract an STD.

Fifty percent of all new HIV infections occur in people under the age of 25. Among these, 25% became infected between ages 13-19.

Between 1991 – 2002 the number of AIDS cases in the 13-22 year old population increased by 83%.

Every 10 seconds a teenager in the United States becomes infected with an STD.

Want to be a part of the solution?

Any student willing to be a resource to other students for free condoms and educational material on STDs and HIV should contact Patti Mittleman at x3244 or hillel@muhlenberg.edu

Sneak preview: Renovations to Life Sports Center

BY LISA KOHN AND CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editors

Breaking ground in the late spring, significant renovations will begin taking place for the Life Sports Center. The renovations are scheduled to take approximately eighteen months. The renovations act as "an integral part of the liberal arts education as it promotes healthy lifestyles and physical fitness." The Life Sports Center will encompass a 39,000 square foot addition, which is slightly smaller than Moyer Hall. The addition will protrude to where the two tennis courts nearest the football field currently rest. The other four courts will be unaffected. Because the wide-reaching nature of varsity sports, intramurals, and student recreational use of the gym, this project will affect 75% of the student body, estimates Tilghman Moyer, the projects' Vice President of Development.

This project will entail a 12.5 million dollar investment. The assisting contributors to the project's fundraising are alumni, parents, friends and the board of trustees. Primarily, the money will be coming from one major contributor, which is Atlantic Philanthropies. This company will donate one dollar for every two dollars the college receives from other contributors. Moyer stated, "We are right on target with our fundraising to meet the project." Moyer assures current and prospective students that the project will not raise or in any way come from student tuition. "Because of the private support for these buildings, no money will be coming from tuition as a result of this project." The project overseers are looking for a four-five million dollar gift to determine the buildings' name.

Facing the east side of campus from the Frank Marino Field, the renovations will start at the existing ramp and horseshoe around and extend beyond the existing tennis courts. This extension will be a double-level, glass-enclosed edifice, which will replace and incorporate new health and counseling centers. An additional ramp will be adjacent to the current walkway onto the field, which will allow for ambulances, golf carts and team entrances and exits into the basement level of the building, which houses the locker rooms and training centers. The main entrance will be an enclosed pathway facing the back of Ettinger.

During the renovations, certain varsity sports, mainly tennis, will be affected. Men's tennis coach George Henry said, "We may have to use other courts, as long as we have enough courts, it won't really affect us." Although quiet in the presentation of this new center, Henry wondered with all these renovations, why wouldn't the school install indoor facilities, which would be comparable with other

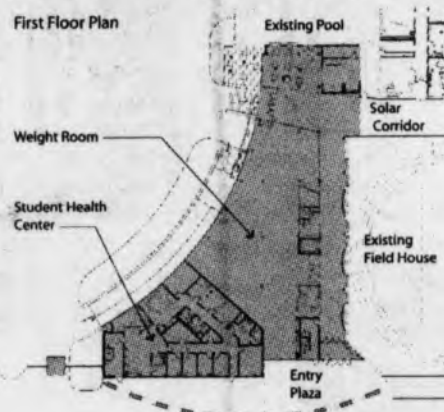
schools in the conference. Henry says he is happy for the school but not for the tennis team. "You can't hand someone a case of balls and say that's

the tennis team. The tennis team was not thought about during this." Conversely, women's coach Linda Andrews remains confident regarding the treatment of her sport. "At this point, everything is in discussion. I have been assured the needs of the tennis team will be addressed, and do not question the judgment of the interim president."

A separate entrance will be to the left of the new main doors. This will be a direct entrance for students and faculty to gain access to the Health and Counseling Centers. Moyer remains confident a sense of privacy will be maintained for these offices.



Artist's rendering of the soon-to-be renovated Life Sports Center.



looks the track and field and horseshoes along the field. According to Moyer, "this building is very open with glass and will provide a lot of natural light." Also located on the first floor "will be a café or Java Joe-type snack bar," said Moyer. There will be an elevator linking all three floors.

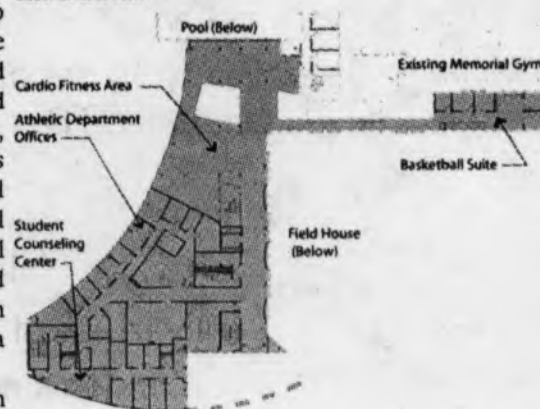
On the second floor above the health center will stand the new counseling center. Adjacent to them will be newly designed coach's offices and suites. These offices and suites have open viewing of the entire athletic field, where the "kind of sky box will be located for conferences and to watch games," said Moyer. Alongside will be a 5,000 square foot cardiovascular fitness area, which will overlook the track and field, and new windows, which will give a unique angle of the alumni pool. The cardiovascular area will include new treadmills, ellipses and machinery. With a new walkway leading to the old fitness loft, it will now encompass an addition and become basketball suites. Women's basketball coach Ron Rohn said, "It's going to be a great addition not just to the athletic program but to the college as a whole. With a reemphasis of physical fitness and wellness in college campuses, I think it will also serve as a nice social center and a nice meeting place. It will look just as good for fans as it does for the students and faculty, and from a recruiting standpoint, it puts our school at the top of anyone's list." The existing stairs to the loft will still remain. These basketball suites will be named after class of 1959 alumni Mel Kessler. Kessler donated a large gift and was one of the best basketball players in school history. These suites will have a bird's eye view of Memorial Hall.

In the basement, one will find the men and women's varsity locker rooms as well as the athletic training center. This is where the new ramp will lead. The bulk of construction will be done in the summer, so students will not be affected by the renovations.

Lower Level Plan



Second Floor Plan



THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Mules football wins fourth straight, record now 8-1

By CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

In their 44-13 plowing of Union Saturday, the Muhlenberg College football team stuffed a stifled Flying Dutchmen ground attack to a measly 36 yards on 28 attempts to help ensure their fourth straight win.

Permitting 220 offensive Union yards, Muhlenberg nearly doubled the Dutchmen's total output, harvesting 141 rushing and 292 passing yards. Quarterback Justin Jones completed 19-25 passes for 273 of these yards, a career-high four touchdowns and his second consecutive CC Offensive Player of the week honor.

Shuffling into the Muhlenberg record books

was Matt Bernardo, whose 106 rushing yards earned him the title of all-time rushing leader with 2,783 career yards.

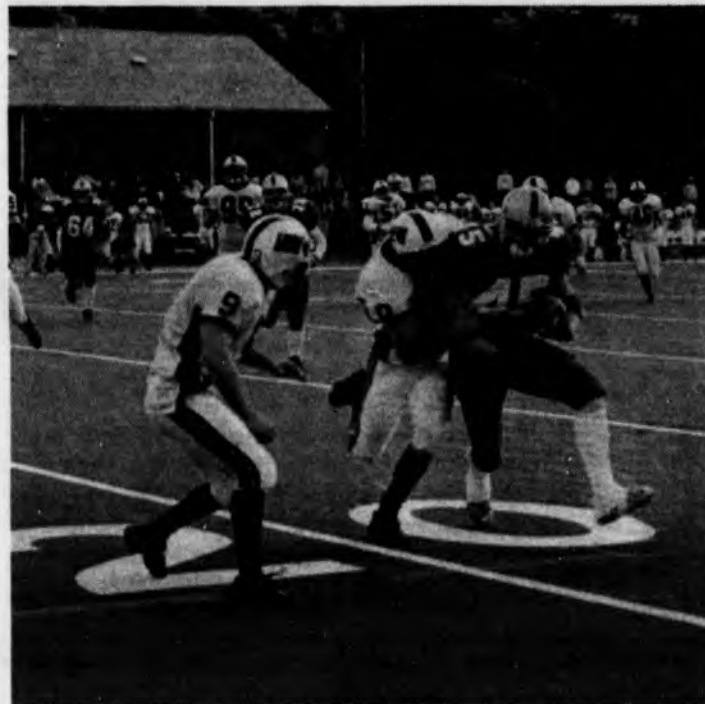
The junior surpassed the millennium mark in rushing for the second straight season. Bernardo's two receiving and one rushing touchdown in the first quarter accounted for over a third of Muhlenberg's points; as they racked at least 40 points in three straight games for the first time since 1968. Bernardo led the game's opening drive by scampering ten yards on a third-and-eight in the Union red zone.

On the next possession, Bernardo went fifteen more yards on a third down draw play to make the score 13-0. Thanasis Petrakis's fourth interception of the season staged Bernardo's third

touchdown, this time off a 41-yard reception from Jones with 1:13 left in the quarter.

With a 21-point lead, the Muhlenberg defense held the now 6-5 Union to 65-first half yards and two first downs. Over their last four games, the Muhlenberg rush-defense allowed 214 yards and no touchdowns on 126 attempts.

Shutout for over three fourths of the game, the Flying Dutchmen managed two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter to snap the Mule's attempt at their third consecutive shutout, a feat they have not accomplished since 1942. If only for a period, Muhlenberg revisits an 8-1 record for the first time since their 1980 season, when they played



Senior Christopher Brown gets wrapped by a Flying Dutchman.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

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Women's soccer short of a Centennial Conference 3-peat



Junior Katrina Custance pounds the ball up the field to get it out of Mule territory.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

By KEVIN MCMAHON
Weekly Sports Writer

After capturing their third consecutive regular season Centennial Conference championship, the Muhlenberg women's soccer team was upset by the Gettysburg Bullets in a double overtime 1-0 loss.

The Mules' defeat of Franklin & Marshall in the last game of the season clinched the Centennial Conference regular season title. Junior Dawn Iberer scored two goals and had one assist in the 3-1 victory over Franklin & Marshall.

The win not only gave the Mules the number one seed in the playoffs, but also earned them the right to host the conference tournament. Muhlenberg faced off against the number four-seeded Gettysburg and second-seeded Franklin & Marshall took on the number three seed, Johns Hopkins.

The Mules entered the game riding a nine game winning streak and a previous 2-0 regular season victory over Gettysburg.

Muhlenberg kept the pressure on Gettysburg throughout the game, getting off 20 shots to Gettysburg's thirteen. The contest went into double overtime, and in the 101st minute it ended when Jenny Line

After capturing their third consecutive

scored on a pass from Christina DiTucci to give Gettysburg the upset victory.

It was a difficult loss for Muhlenberg women's soccer, who was looking to attain their third consecutive Centennial Conference championship, in turn advancing to the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive time as well.

Going into the game, the Mules had a 34-2-2 record in their previous 38 games versus Centennial Conference teams. The loss also snapped Muhlenberg's nine game winning streak for the season, and it was their first home loss to a Centennial Conference opponent since 1999.

In the championship game, Gettysburg (11-6-2) faced Johns Hopkins, who defeated

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002

Security breaks up benefit show

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

At a benefit punk concert in the Garden Room last Friday, a fan was physically reprimanded by Bear Security for dancing, an activity not usually considered uncommon at most live shows.

Hosted by WMUH, the show was a benefit concert aimed at raising money for the station and Food Not Bombs, a national organization dedicated to feeding the homeless on the weekends. After a recent FCC law forced WMUH to abandon their Internet broadcast capacities, the station organized the concert in an effort to pay the required FCC fund for broadcasting and get their Internet broadcasts back online.

The show kicked off with a bang, surpassing the expected amount of donations with roughly \$500 brought in.

However as the third band, Gatecrasher, began their set, the fun suddenly came to a crashing halt when a Bear Security guard pushed through the crowd to physically detain a Zachary Baker, a visitor from Ursinus College.

WMUH staff member and producer of the benefit Manon Gordon '05 said, "As expected, kids started dancing." However, it was not long before Bear Security felt things were getting a little too out of control. "The security guard rushed through the crowd and proceeded to put the

kid in a neck hold," Gordon said. "I suppose the security guard felt threatened and wanted to remove the kid from causing trouble."

Gordon explained, "In an attempt to get the security guard off their friend, two other fans physically attacked the security guard." Gordon said that she felt it was "inappropriate for the kids to use physical force, but I feel that it was also inappropriate for

"The security guard rushed through the crowd and proceeded to put the kid in a neck hold."

Manon Gordon '05

the security guard to use physical force before any prior verbal notification." As Baker was being reprimanded for dancing, the crowd responded with an uproar of disapproval. People were "yelling for the security guard to get off of him," said Gordon.

The yelling developed into a public representation of disapproval after the concert was shut down when the crowd moved the protest to Parents Plaza.

Protestors proceeded to jump on cars parked in front of Seegers Union, yelling their disgust at the Allentown Police Department and Campus Safety for the actions of the security guard and the arrest of their fellow punk rock fan.

After handcuffs were taken off and Baker was told that he would not be arrested, the public protest finally ceased. Baker was allowed to leave after Campus Safety briefly questioned him.

Gordon stated that at the commencement of the concert it was announced that

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Anti-war rally on campus fights through rain

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

Students and faculty from the College participated in an anti-war rally and protest in conjunction with faculty and students from surrounding colleges on Nov. 16. While several students displayed objection to this peace rally with banners displayed in Parents' Plaza, the overall proceedings of the day were deemed a success.

According to Danielle Spang '04, one of the stu-

dents involved in organizing the rally, various Lehigh Valley organizations were represented, including Food Not Bombs, LePoco, LCCC Green party, Lehigh Valley Friends and Lehigh Valley Muslims. The rally was created based on three main principles that Spang and other members of a campus organizational group set forth at their last meeting. The group believes that there is no global mandate for this war and it would amount to large numbers of innocent victims. Second, they contend that a strike

sets the wrong international precedent and only continues to foster a clash of cultures. The group believes that events like this rally are necessary to counter the overwhelming misrepresentation in our government.

While the rain and cold that afternoon may have kept many indoors, 89 participants marched for an hour and a half in the pouring rain. As protesters marched down the street, cars passing by honked in support of the protestors'

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College blood drive competes

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

marked about 70 students, faculty and staff last Tuesday after participating in the fall 2002 Blood Drive. Students of the College, Jeff Slotterback '04, Diana Bharucha '03 and Sarina Ahuja '03 worked in conjunction with the Community Service Office and the Miller Memorial Blood Center to bring a Blood Drive to campus.

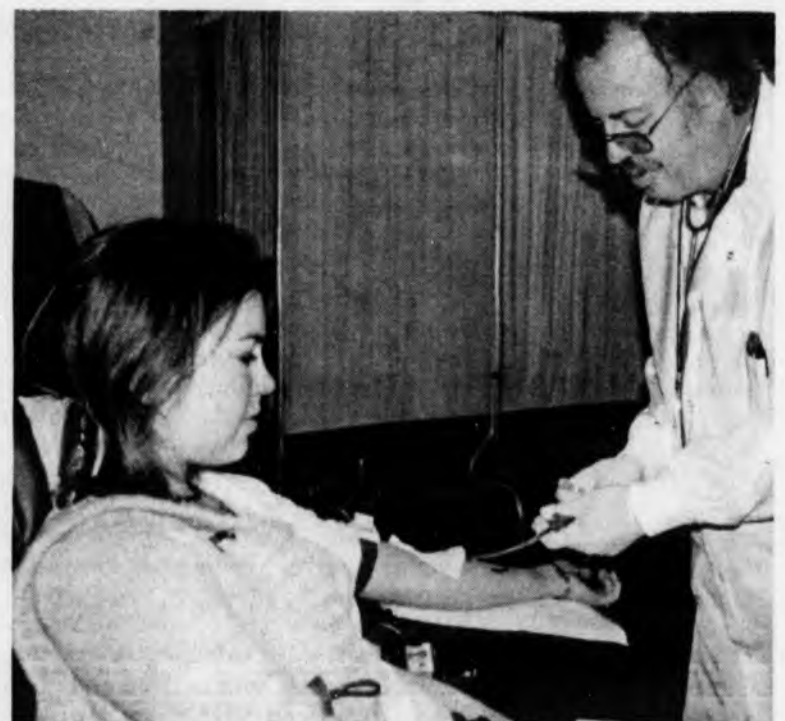
Hoping to increase participation in the Blood Drive, representatives from Muhlenberg College, Lehigh University, Moravian College and Cedar Crest College met to create a competition among the schools. Bharucha, Slotterback and Ahuja represented the College at the meeting. "We sat around the table and brainstormed ideas to have a more successful blood drive," said Ahuja.

This added challenge complemented the traditional contest: "We usually have a competition between clubs on campus to promote the Blood Drive," explained Bharucha.

Stickers saying "Kiss me, I gave blood"

The club that provides the most donors to the Drive earns \$100 from the Community Service Office. The Community Service Office worked hand-in-hand with students to organize the event. "We worked a lot with Valerie Lane [Director of Community Service]," said Bharucha.

The next on campus opportunity for the College Community to donate blood will be in April.



Students took a break from daily routine to donate blood in the Red Door.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Students are a no show for Iraq forum

AN OPEN FORUM WAS HELD IN THE RED DOOR, ON WED., Nov. 13, to discuss the pending controversy about Iraq. There has been a constant buzz on campus and never-ending dialogue about what the United States should do about this issue. Since this has been such a hot topic lately, one would think that seats would have been filled and enthusiastic students would have been overflowing into the mailroom, but that was not the case.

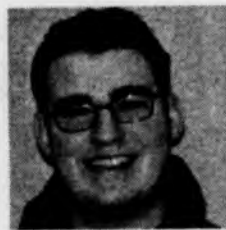
Around 25 students attended, and while their opinions are of importance the number seems to pale in comparison to the number of people

...why then can't students make the trek across campus in order to engage in an open discussion?

ready to voice their opinion during protests or walking down academic row. To add insult to injury, a portion of the students in attendance were there because of the fact that they are on Student Council. This decreases the amount of students who actually felt the need engage in this discussion down to about fifteen. What does this say about the character and initiative of the school as a whole? There are protests popping up and it seems as if a different petition is passed around every day, why then can't students make the trek across campus in order to engage in an open discussion? This is not so say that everyone should have attended -- some people are not interested in this topic -- but it is obvious that more than twenty people are concerned about the escalating situation in Iraq.

Some students feel like it is important to make a lot of noise in order to gain attention for a specific issue. Garnering support is important but once awareness is brought to a topic, discussion is what resolves it.

Pleading the First may not be right



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without actually giving them the ruling power. Thus a democratic republic was established. Even this wasn't enough. They felt that the people deserved more freedom and established the first amendment.

Every one knows about the First Amendment. Some of the aspects are the freedom of speech, the right to worship any deity you choose, the right to come together in an orderly way to make rallies and protests. It is the cornerstone of democracy. Although it is all these things, is it possible that it grants people too much freedom?

Last Saturday, there was a con-

Back in 1776, the Framers of the constitution wanted to create a government that would allow the people to voice their opinions and take a role in government. cert held in the Garden Room. To make a long story short, one person caused a whole lot of trouble and in the end, several people were taken away. While I was watching this, I couldn't help but hear the other onlookers yell at Campus Safety about their first amendment rights. Here's the thing: no matter how you slice it, they were on private property and were thus under the restrictions of the College. That's it.

Muhlenberg does a very good job at allowing people to voice their opinions. It seems that there is always a bed sheet hung, or a rally or a march of some kind. In all honesty, if the College deemed these things unruly, they could very easily say that they must stop, and it would have to be done. They don't, however. They respect people's opinions. If a Campus Safety officer feels that there is immediate danger, they have the authority, granted by the College, to take action.

This topic goes beyond the College. It affects everyone, everywhere. No matter what job you have or where you live, there will always be a time where you hear or partici-

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

In response to Rachel Kleiner's Op/Ed piece concerning the status of the walkways on the College campus, I'd like to offer a response. I'd like to know why it is that, whether rain or shine, I have little, if any difficulty with "potholes" in the walkways. I regularly walk across the campus myself, and I do not recall having any qualms with the quality of the asphalt. I think that with

Time and space wasted on a trivial topic

regards to the allocations of funds, there are probably not many people on this campus that would believe that filling in slight depressions in the walks around campus is considerable enough to warrant the expenditure. However, Rachel, I have no doubt that if your mommy and daddy are willing to write a check earmarked for this cause, the College would be happy to comply.

Perhaps they could view the donation as a form of preventative measures for the College to avoid lawsuits from people such as you describe who might be klutzy enough to have legitimate issues with these "ditches." Or perhaps it could be a long-term investment for the students, in hopes that they will not need to exert themselves with extra laundry attributed by wet socks. I personally do not know where it is Rachel has been walking, or the paths she has been choosing, but I suggest that taking an alternate route might enable her to keep her socks dry. I'd also like to suggest that, as the Assistant Op/Ed Editor, perhaps Rachel could begin to write about matters of more consequence or importance, rather than dallying on insignificant trivialities.

--Jolie E. Rinehart '03

To the Editor:

As one of the senior music majors who performed in the recent German *lied* recital, I would like to respond to Kristin Burkhart's review published in the Nov. 7 *Weekly*. I am glad that Ms. Burkhart acknowledges the talent and hard work that go into these performances, which are after all the culmination of our musical studies. An essential aspect she seems to have missed, however, is a deep understanding of the musical literature presented.

Meaning of German *lieds* not fully understood

The seven senior recitals given over the course of the year are designed as an overview of "classical" vocal music, covering a wide range of styles, time periods and languages. This may well prove a barrier to listeners not fluent in other languages, but the fact is that most of the classical repertoire was not written in English. Much of the challenge -- and beauty -- of these songs lies in the language of the text. German *lied* features a particularly intimate relationship between words and music. Translations are provided so that audience members can consider both the meaning of the song and its original form. It may take a more discerning mentality to appreciate the subtle sophistication of these pieces, but the payoff is well worth the effort. I would encourage future reviewers -- and audience members -- to at least keep an open mind when coming to foreign-language recitals, knowing that there are more artistic factors at work than a fluent understanding of the words. There are many reasons why these songs are still being performed after hundreds of years. In the meantime, Ms. Burkhart might find next semester's British/American and Pops recitals more enjoyable.

--Theresa Olin '03

To the Editor:

Last week's Letter to the Editor written by Marge Gerard, RN, did make some good points. We agree with her that the regular and correct use of condoms by college students is invaluable in preventing pregnancy and many sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. Her apparent opposition to the use of birth control pills by college-age women was disturbing. For college women, the Pill is probably the most widely used form of birth control besides condoms. The Pill is more than 99 percent effective at preventing pregnancy. It is a far more reliable birth control method

Nurses opposition to the Pill is disturbing

than condoms, diaphragms and cervical caps; sponges or spermicides that have average failure rates of 14 - 40 percent when used alone. All of these methods are advocated by Ms. Gerard as alternatives to pill use.

Ms. Gerard seems to be opposed to the use of the Pill because it "fools with Mother Nature" by preventing ovulation. Other medications could be accused of the same violations. Does the author suggest that doctors stop prescribing anti-depressants because they alter the brain's chemistry? Should we shun antibiotics because they may kill the healthy bacteria in our bodies as well as the bacteria that is making us ill?

The author is also quick to point out the side effects of Pill use. It is true that there are side effects to taking the Pill, as there are when taking any type of medication. The symptoms she lists, weight gain, water retention, mood swings and depression, are experienced by most women during their period, whether they are on the pill or not. The "more serious" side affects she lists

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In support of the Pill

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occur in less than five percent of Pill users and also tend to affect women over thirty-five, not those who are college-aged. In fact, the Pill has many health benefits. These include a reduced risk of pelvic inflammatory disease, endometriosis, ovarian and uterine cancer, as well as anemia and ovarian cysts which both effect college-aged women. (For more information see www.cdc.gov.)

Contrary to what Ms. Gerard believes, prescriptions for the Pill are not being handed out freely at the local Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood clinics do require a full gynecological exam and/or medical history before they prescribe the Pill. This is no different than what would take place at your "hometown" doctor's office. The clinicians at Planned Parenthood will also thoroughly discuss the use of the Pill with patients just as a family doctor or gynecologist would. For many women without medical insurance or with a low income Planned Parenthood is the only option for adequate and reliable forms of birth control.

We were appalled by the author's advocacy of the "Rhythm Method." Although she did not use the exact term, her discussion of "avoiding sex during the middle ten days of your period" and "marking your calendar" refers to what is commonly known as the "Rhythm Method." It is surprising and shocking to us that a medical professional like Ms. Gerard would offer such advice. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, this method, when practiced with extreme discipline, is less than 87 percent effective. Due to the fact that many college age women have irregular menstrual cycles, the efficacy of this method would likely fall well below this range.

Many women of college-age are sexually active and take responsibility by using birth control methods like the Pill. A college-age woman's choice to use the Pill is a mature and informed decision, which should be applauded. We're wondering why Ms. Gerard is discouraging college women from protecting themselves and making this choice. It's hard to believe that a registered nurse would not want college women to thoroughly protect themselves by using the Pill. We see nothing wrong with making an active decision to protect and care for one's body.

--Erin McMenamin '03 and Leigh Somerville '03

Inspections speak louder than words



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U.N. weapons inspectors returned to Iraq on Mon., Nov. 18. I wonder if there is a point to them anymore. Ever since Sept. 11

President Bush has been clamoring for the head of Saddam Hussein. The rest of the world, sans England, has disagreed, favoring a more multilateral, peaceful resolution to the "Iraqi threat." The result has been that after many months, a U.N. resolution that essentially gives Iraq one last chance: allow U.N. weapons inspectors back into Iraq, or get ready for war.

U.N. inspectors were thrown out of Iraq in 1998. This is due to Iraqi officials saying that some of the inspectors were spying for the U.S., and counter-

charges that Iraq was not cooperating with the inspectors. What followed was a four-day air strike by the U.S. and Britain. After Sept. 11 a renewed vigor to topple the Iraqi leader emerged.

For over a year now people have been saying that they want the weapons inspectors to return. Saddam has had plenty of time to hide these weapons and clean any traces of their existence. If the inspectors find anything I will be shocked at the stupidity of the Iraqi leader.

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More than minor opposition



ELIZABETH
RAUPERS

THE WEEKLY
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comprised mostly of students determined to advocate the necessity of peaceful solu-

Approximately 100 protesters of the war in Iraq met in Parents' Plaza, on Sat., Nov. 16, and over the next few hours made their way through Allentown in a successful effort to make known the objections to current U.S. actions in Iraq. Several media outlets were witness to a group

tions.

Although many organizations participated in the carrying out of this rally, I was pleased to see Muhlenberg's involvement in spearheading the event; faculty appearances and encouragement from President Steffy made the rally more than a public meeting.

Whether or not Saturday's gathering arouses notice from the governor, the event itself has garnered my attention, as well as the interest of an entire college. For example, in the past six to eight months, at least five of my friends have spent extensive time in Iraq, all between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two.

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First Amendment does not equal first excuse

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pate in something dealing with the First Amendment. It was two months ago when Holly Hughes gave her solo performance of her own play, "Preaching to the Perverted." It was a tale about her own struggle with the U.S. Supreme Court and how a play she had put on in the past was being portrayed as homosexual pornography. It was a theatrical show and I feel that it was an art form. The Supreme Court did not see it as such and Miss Hughes lost the battle. Was it because she was being perverse? Or was it merely the fact that the Justice thought she was?

Growing up in this generation, we have become desensitized to all the good things we are given just for being Americans. To look at other countries and to see the harsh regimes and penalties they undergo for something as frivolous as handing out pamphlets to strangers is horrifying. Unlike the generations before us, we did not have to fight

for our rights. They were handed to us. Because of this, we feel that they are ours to use as we please. Granted, there are a great number of activist groups out there who do generally value the First Amendment, but there are millions of Americans who don't know the Amendment in its entirety and thus do not comprehend the true power and meaning behind it.

The First Amendment is not something to be looked upon as a scapegoat. You do not scream "fire" in a public place then declare it's your right. It is a thing to be revered and understood. Especially when we are declaring that we should bring democracy to other countries and that all people deserve this right, we should study our constitution and respect it. As Jon Stewart of Comedy Central's *Daily Show* said upon returning after the events of Sept. 11, "We sit in the back and we throw spitballs, but never forgetting the fact that is a luxury in this country that allows us to do that."

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Rally against war not needed

Rob Schopf
Weekly Guest Columnist

I am writing on behalf of the College Republicans in regards to Saturday's anti-war rally. We had positioned three banners in Parents' Plaza, with the hopes that our pro-America message would be heard along with the anti-war messages of the rally the following day. It's hard to believe that our three banners could cause such a fuss. It's also hard to believe that two simple banners with the phrases "Support the UN, Support the USA, Support the War" and "'Berg supports President Bush" could not be tolerated. These banners were moved to a non-visible location. 59 percent of Americans believe that the deployment of ground troops in Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein is warranted. Furthermore, the support banner for President Bush was also moved, even though it has been established that close to 70 percent of this country supports the President's actions (Muhlenberg College Institute for Public Opinion, Fall 2002).

I was also appalled to hear the lyrics from the band shouting phrases like "home of the brave, home of the slave." This was done in front of several prospective tours.

However, the most troubling point by far is the consequence that this rally had on the College. I love this school, and I feel that the poor taste and poor judgment of the protestors is reprehensible. I am a four-time legacy to this school. On Sunday, I saw several of my relatives, who after apparently reading the *Morning Call's* coverage of the event, all ask me about the rally from Saturday. First, after I assured them that I wasn't involved, they categorically told me that reluctantly, they would be terminating their monetary support to the College. They also assured me that several of their friends who were also alumni and war veterans would also be disavowing the College. This may seem harsh and sudden, but you must understand that these people went to Muhlenberg after returning home from a war. This college was so proud of our country's veterans that it waived the tuition for soldiers returning home. Because of the media coverage,

the city of Allentown saw what took place, and I can only conjecture that there are others who will be acting in the like.

Because a minute number of faculty and students felt the need to "voice" their flaccid, unfounded resentment of this country to a congregation of less than 1.4 percent of our College's students, their actions have the consequence of hurting the other 98.6 percent, as well as alumni.

I'll conclude with this thought. As republicans, as conservatives, but more importantly as patriots, we control three houses -- the White House, the House of Representatives and the Senate. The majority then merely needs to hold their opinions and the minority's attempts will fail. The good thing about our country, however, is that we value the power and voices of the minority. Infuriating people is not the way to accomplish a persuasion of the majority. The selfish actions of a few had the consequence of letting their own supporters down, letting many Allentown residents down, but more importantly, letting this school down.

What is the point of inspectors?

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According to an Associated Press article, Chief U.N. Inspector Hans Blix said, "The question of war and peace remains first of all in the hands of Iraq, the Security Council and the members of the Security Council." The world right now is watching Iraq, and everyone, with the exception of some, are hoping that he does not throw out the inspectors again. Interestingly enough the Iraqi Parliament unanimously rejected the U.N. resolution, but the kicker here is that they don't have any real say in the matter. Saddam Hussein is the unchallenged leader of his country, as the Iraqi "elections" showed, and he allowed the inspectors to return. I

think the whole situation was orchestrated to show the world that even though the Parliament might have said "no," Saddam, the "merciful leader," approved the resolution because he knows what is "best" for his country.

By this point in the game Iraq has been given the opportunity numerous times to play by the rules and they have chosen not to do so. If they opt to throw out the inspectors they will be bringing war onto themselves. The repercussions of a war might be greater support for terrorists in different parts of the world, as well as raising oil prices. Hopefully this time around the inspections will be successful, but knowing the past, be prepared for the worst.

Peace protest raises questions

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An unsupported war is another soldier's life lost in vain, another squadron sent against the people's voice. Saturday's rally is just one small example. It has become clear in recent times that the powers that be aren't prepared to lend an ear. On Aug. 7 over 100 protesters were arrested in front of the White House, many of whom were students from nearby colleges. The protest was in regards to Bush's restriction of a private non-profit donation of water purifiers to orphanages and health centers in Iraq.

The anti-war rages on, its deprived but genuine voice calling for justice without war. Despite media efforts to quell news of protests popping up everywhere, Saturday stands as an immediate, real step for the college and the community, proof that people can and will respond with their opinions regarding the imminent actions of their nation. Nikolay Pandourski, who participated in the rally, comments: "This is what democracy looks like. We want more than what the corporate media tells us." Perhaps it's time to get more: in January, another protest of possibly tens of thousands will convene in Washington D.C. to raise the awareness of the public and the government, and to help catalyze a change. So far, about 50,000 people have already registered to participate. Maybe Muhlenberg students can sign up as well.



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Campus Safety earns grant

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

The College received \$5000 in funding from The Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation that will be used to curb the use of alcohol in the College environment. The local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans office of The Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation presented the grant in July 2002.

Since 1998, the College has spearheaded a Campus Community coalition made up of law enforcement, alcohol vendors, restaurateurs and other concerned community members along with college representatives to control the College Community's alcohol use.

"We believe the campus

environment and our surrounding community plays a powerful role in shaping student drinking behavior," said Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety. "The College has begun to see documented success in reducing the sources of alcohol by working in concert with this coalition, representing on and off-campus groups."

Part of the grant will be used to expand and enrich social programs to further reduce alcohol consumption and related crimes on campus in partnership with the Lutheran Brotherhood. By offering additional alternative programs, it is the hope that there will be an increased amount of individuals who support these activities.

The award will be used in

enforcement resources as well. Because there has been an increase in the number of false identification cards available to individuals due to improved technology, the grant will purchase two of four hand-held identification units that the College will put into action.

With the use of these hand-held units, false cards will be immediately removed from circulation and therefore will not be used to gain access to alcohol or to assist in other activities in which falsely



Roblin Holden '03 and Matt Targarona '03 spend their free time drinking beer. The new campus safety grant aims to decrease student alcohol consumption on campus.

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identifying oneself would have a negative impact. Because there will be four hand-held units available, the Office of Campus Safety will be able to put them to use at the multiple social events held across campus on any given weekend.

The grant will aid the College in a third area, which is that of continued analysis on how alcohol influences students. A comprehensive survey will be conducted in Fitness and

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Student body meeting about war

By MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

This week, concerned students gathered in the Red Door to discuss issues related to the possible war in Iraq. The meeting was not a typical Student Body meeting, but rather one petitioned into creation by members of the student body. The meeting was initiated by current Student Body President, Seth Williams '03.

The small group of 20 to 30 students was hesitant to speak at first. Overall, the majority of the students at the meeting were anti-war with the first comment being, "the weapons that we're speaking of are, indeed, a threat." Students then questioned whether or not the United States has the right and the responsibility to respond. While commenting on the American role in this conflict, Danielle Spang '04 said, "My concern is that the presidents of the U.S. have lied to the American people before in order to start wars."

These comments lead to increased comparison of this possible conflict to Vietnam and other past wars. This worried some students who commented

that we could not assume that the United States will make the same mistakes during this conflict that it has made during past conflicts.

After approximately twenty minutes the debate became more heated with the discussion of Saddam Hussein's violation of various international treaties. Students suggested that anti-American sentiment could become more commonplace if the American people were to become involved in a conflict that was none of their business. Jen Epting '03 said, "I am wondering to what extent this [possible war] is going to affect the current issues in the Middle East." Being that Saddam funds the families of Israeli suicide bombers, several students hypothesized that by eliminating Saddam, we would decrease the number of suicide bombers. Others disagreed saying that we could "increase terrorism on our own soil" and on foreign soil.

At this point, students began to suggest possible alternatives to war. Alternatives such as humanitarian aid were quickly dismissed as ineffective, poor

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Professors integrate community service in the classroom

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

Following a college trend that is taking place across the country, the College has begun instilling service learning projects into the curriculum in selected classes this semester.

Joining other nationally ranked schools in the state of Pennsylvania, including Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania, the College has allowed a select few professors to introduce outside classroom work as part of the basic outline of study in the class.

"Service learning is used as a way to connect the learning done in the classroom with learning done in the community," said Director of Community Service, Valerie Lane. "We are teaching students to be better citizens."

The service learning projects are designed to give students real-life experience with what they are studying. Each professor has the right to incorporate these projects

into their curriculum if they choose to do so.

The projects are viewed as having a significant educational value in terms of student understanding and application of the subject matter they are taught in the classroom.

Students are involved in a number of different projects around the Lehigh Valley, ranging from work done at Just For Kids to lending a hand as an assistant scout leader of a Boy Scout Troop.

Lane's involvement with the projects consists of basically organizing the jobs that students will be involved with outside the classroom and their means of transportation.

She stated that professors who are incorporating this into their class curriculums approach her with what they would like to do and she takes charge of organizing and researching possible work establishments for the programs. Lane said that she feels very strongly about her involvement with the program and believes she is

helping to "create a generation that pays attention to civic responsibilities." After their work is completed, "students leave being better citizens," said Lane. "[Service Projects] raise awareness."

Professor Larry Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Luba Iskold, Assistant Professor of Russian, are among the few professors who have taken the opportunity this semester to include these service projects as part of their curriculum. Hass has incorporated service into his Individual and Society class.

Hass gave his students the option of either taking a final exam or working for a local organization for two hours a week starting the fourth week of the semester. Hass said that most of his students opted to do the learning service project in place of the final.

According to Hass, students' work done outside of class plays an important role in class discussions. "I expect my students to be



Professors like Luba Iskold, Assistant Professor of Russian, integrate service projects into their classrooms.

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able to incorporate what they are learning from their projects with what we discuss in class," he said.

Hass went on to say that, "The service learning is designed to tie in with what we are learning in the readings and class." He feels that the projects his stu-

dents have done this semester have had a big impression upon them. "I see that it has touched them," he said. "I believe it has been really successful. I am sure if I teach the class again in the future, I will do it again with the use of service learning."

Listening tours continue despite low turnout

BY CHRISTINA LICIAGA
Weekly News Writer

The Board of Trustees asked to "Share your thoughts and perceptions about life in the Muhlenberg community," in a general letter sent out in October to all students, faculty and staff.

Now, more than a month and a half later, the Board is still conducting what has been entitled listening tours, having the final student tour Nov. 26 in the Red Door. The tours endeavor to dis-

cover the College climate, which has been defined by the Board as "the psychological environment" that "fashions the ways people perceive and think about this institution."

The listening tours focus on five general questions, which help to guide the dialogue: What do you believe are Muhlenberg's strengths and why do you like being affiliated here? How would you define the climate of the College and what makes Muhlenberg different from other colleges?

In what areas does

Muhlenberg need to improve? What would you like Muhlenberg to be like in ten years? And finally, what institutional change do you recommend be taken to improve and preserve the climate of the College? These questions stayed the same despite the changing leadership of the Board.

The Board was committed to keeping a high level of confidentiality in the tours, not linking individuals with their statements, but rather documenting the answers as a general dialogue. After eight sched-

uled tours, the Board decided to add two more tours for students, in an attempt to create an "opportunity for people to express their opinions," Steffy describes when asked

about the tours. He also noted that the change in the Board's leadership might contribute to its most recent "wanting to be open in relationships with students, faculty and staff."

The report is being conducted by a new committee in the Board of Trustees committed to discovering the strengths, weaknesses and perceptions of campus climate. The committee intends to summarize its findings, discuss its contexts and as President Steffy assures, "react accordingly."

The report has the secondary intention of providing the new president with material that accesses the College and offers a background about the College.

Presently, President Steffy encourages that the tours are a positive addition to the Board's endeavors, and that "in this year of transition, it's good [for the campus] to express opinions about all sorts of things." The report is gauged to be finished early next semester, but it will be the Board's discretion as to the extent of the report that will become publicly available.

Bad end to benefit show

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no moshing or crowd surfing would be tolerated but dancing was acceptable. However, Gordon said that after the show, she had asked the Bear Security guard why he had rushed through the crowd to detain the dancer. Gordon said he responded with, "I was told that dancing was not permitted."

According to Gordon, the security guard was wrong in his assumption of the danger the fan posed. These recent developments have begun a swirl of disapproval around campus of Bear Security and the College's choice to use them in the protection of students.

Gordon followed by saying that she felt terrible about the turnout of events. "I'm afraid this is a false representation of WMUH and this was not intended to cause problems to Muhlenberg College."

Upcoming Chapel Events

Sunday, Nov. 24	1:00 PM Worship in Chapel
	2:30 PM Snacks & Study at the ChapelHouse
	3:00 PM Lead worship at Luther Crest Retirement Home
	6:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner/LSM at ChapelHouse
Tuesday, Nov. 26	7:00 PM Worship Band in Chapel
	9:00 PM Bible Study in Chapel
	10:00 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel
Wednesday, Nov. 27	12:30 PM Worship in Chapel

The ChapelHouse is located at 2206 Chew Street.

If you have questions about these events, please call the Chapel Office at 3121.

Wind energy to supply campus

BY CHRISTINA LICIAGA
Weekly News Writer

Driven by wishes for a more environmentally safe College, Tyler Holmberg '04 petitioned administration around campus to garner support for the College's adoption of wind energy.

According to Community Energy, a for-profit organization that works to diversify Pennsylvania's energy portfolio by extending the use of wind energy, "Conventional electricity generation is the leading

contributor to smog, global warming and poor air quality," contributing an approximate one-third of carbon dioxide and two-thirds of sulfur dioxide emissions to the environment.

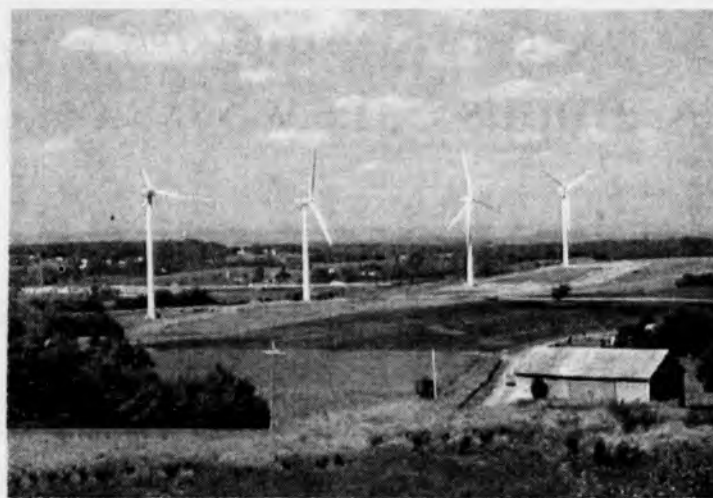
Likewise, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that subsidizing only five percent of wind energy would be the equivalent of planting 60,376 trees or taking 62 cars off the roads. In an attempt to diversify the College's energy portfolio, Holmberg compiled information from Community

Energy, the EPA and other small liberal arts colleges who have chosen to invest in the wind energy campaign.

After researching Gettysburg College, Swarthmore College and Dickinson College, all competitors of the College, Holmberg discovered that wind energy was relatively inexpensive, providing more environmental and community benefits than the coal industry which the College presently subsidizes.

Holmberg met with President Steffy, and Kent Dyer from Plant Operations, as well as individuals from Community Relations, to solicit their support. If the College agreed to subsidize wind energy, it would be joining other colleges in Pennsylvania in showing "conscientiousness for the environment."

The wind energy campaign is the fastest growing energy source in the world, and is a natural, inexhaustible source of energy. In addition to the many environmental benefits are the public health benefits and the public relations value of committing a college to being a sustainable campus. In his quest, Holmberg not only met with the President, whom he



Visible from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the Somerset Wind Farm is one of several wind farms that could supply the College with energy.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

notes was "very open to the possibility of having wind here" at the College, but also with Student Council in an attempt to get widespread support. Yet despite his request, Holmberg ended up pioneering what President Steffy calls a "one man crusade."

After several meetings and a formal presentation by Community Energy, President Steffy and Kent Dyer decided not to invest in the wind energy campaign because its cost benefits were not as enticing as its environmental aims. The College would pay an additional \$15,094 a year to subsidize only five percent of wind energy.

Instead, President Steffy committed the College to decrease the amount of coal

energy used by investing in new light fixtures created to conserve energy. "There's a greater savings doing that," Steffy said after viewing all the facts about wind energy. If the fixtures are not available, the College is committed to find another means to decrease the amount of energy used on campus. Either way, President Steffy has decided to earmark \$10,000 from next year's budget to further the energy conservation campaign.

Although not his initial intent, Holmberg was pleased with the decision, adding that the "administration, especially Steffy, were really welcoming," and encouraged students who "have a passion about something, [that] there are ways to get it done."

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - It was a bustling scene at the Allentown Art Museum Sunday, as 500-plus visitors, many with children in tow, looked past the sometimes foreboding perception of the city's downtown to attend the multiple programs offered on Free Sunday. Education Curator Lise M. Dube said, "It's been going very well," of the museum's latest rendering of the Free Sundays program, which began in May 1998. The museum's admission fees (\$2 to \$4) are waived on Sundays to help introduce the curious to the city's cultural gem at 31 N. Fifth St. This September, the staff freshened a previous Sunday offering, Art Time, with Art Ways, featuring hands-on family art projects.

Sellersville - The Lenape Indians have been waiting nearly 300 years for Pennsylvania to pay them back for the raw deal they got in the Walking Purchase. "All we want is for the government to recognize us as the tribe that is indigenous to the commonwealth and to recognize the fact that we exist in Pennsylvania," says Wayne Posten, Secretary-Treasurer of the Lenape Nation of Indians. The Lenapes also want a few acres of land donated by the state so they can set up a cultural center. Recently, bills granting the Lenapes state recognition have been bottled up by the House State Government Committee.

Weekend Weather

Friday



Few
Showers

High: 46
Low: 25

Saturday



Partly
Cloudy

High: 51
Low: 31

Sunday



Few
Showers

High: 47
Low: 32

signs. "To inspire people in that way is something I believe all people should experience, only because it is so heartwarming," commented Spang.

The day began with food from Food Not Bombs and music from Real West, a band from Allentown. Tyler Ault '03 delivered a message on the students of our generation working for peaceful demonstrations. Peter Pettit, Professor of Religion followed with a recitation of a poem entitled *The Box*.

Guy Gray spoke about the Green Party's steps against a war in Iraq, along with Ben West, a student member of the Green Party. Gray refuted The Morning Call's article that claimed students are not doing anything to oppose the war.

Christopher Kovats-Bernat, Professor of Anthropology/Sociology, next aroused the crowd with a speech emphasizing the need to stop glamorizing guns and violence.

Students from Lafayette College also performed songs and poetry. James Schneider from the Communications Department also delivered a speech about the role of media, and called for a change in its proceedings.

Three College seniors, Jason Carr, Mike Eber and Dave Rosenstrauss, performed a percussive piece as spirited members of the march danced along.

College Chaplain Peter Bredlau then set an emotional tone over the crowd as he spoke and shared pictures of his daughter and her cousin, stressing that no more children needed to die

in wars. Sheila Mathieson of the Biology Department shared how she felt the LePoco organization has been promoting peace and protesting war throughout the years.

Finally, Dr. Kevin Mahone of Kutztown University ended the day with a speech on why war is wrong and accentuated that our country needs to find a new energy source so that we no longer would have to rely on oil.

Despite the weather, the proceedings of the rally and march against the war in Iraq were highly successful. "My expectations were blown away with the actual rally," commented Spang. From enthusiastic speakers to inspirational music and poetry, the day impacted not only those who directly participated, but also those who shared its message.

Anti-war rally on campus

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Grant to improve Campus Safety Services

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Wellness classes, and the information will be used to further assist the College in addressing the needs and issues of its community.

"It is our goal that by providing and implementing these activities, we will influence the student population and the larger College Community in a positive manner," said Deb Kipp, Assistant Vice President of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations. "As a result, the Muhlenberg College experience will be a

healthier and safer one in which students can learn and grow." The Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation is a private foundation funded by Lutheran Brotherhood.

The Foundation is a vehicle through which Lutheran Brotherhood demonstrates its commitment to Lutheranism.

The Foundation funds Lutheran programs and projects that are compatible with the Society's fraternal purposes.

Foundation grants are made for creative projects focusing on such areas as wellness and education and youth.

Student meeting to discuss war

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choices. Andrew Kalish '06 brought up the point that "if you look at the numbers, the U.S. is the only one that actually supported Afghanistan."

However, Rebecca Eckard '03 asserted, "[there are] many repercussions to just giving aid." Another concerned student said that she was worried that this war would never end as innumerable countries, including the United States, support terrorism around the world.

Likewise, another possibility suggested was to take all of the money that would

be used to fight a war in Iraq and instead use the money to develop new, environmentally friendly sources of energy that would not require the U.S. to depend on Middle Eastern countries for oil.

The discussion then progressed to the topic of a possible draft and the inevitable need for soldiers. A vote was taken to determine who would voluntarily enter the army to fight the war against terrorism. A single student raised his hand.

A different student spoke of his friend who had

entered the army after high school.

His friend told him before leaving, "When I go over

"I am wondering to what extent this [possible war] is going to effect the current issues in the Middle East."

Jen Epting '03

there, it will either be me or Saddam Hussein who dies." He was left confounded as to how his friend could have this attitude.

The main point emphasized by all of the students who attended the meeting was simply, "Think before we act."

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 12 - Injured Student - A Walz resident fell on the stairs and hit his jaw. The student was later transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Nov. 12 - Report of Smoke - Burnt food on a stove burner at 2202 Gordon Street caused smoke in the residence. The smoke report was issued to Campus Safety.

Nov. 13 - Harassment - A student-on-student charge of harassment was made when a student found an unknown substance outside his door in Martin Luther Hall. The incident is currently under investigation.

Nov. 13 - Found Property - A wallet was found inside of Trumbower Hall. It was later returned to the owner.

Nov. 13 - Suspicious Person - A non-student was reported trying to sell drugs to a student on Academic Row. The individual was apprehended by Campus Safety and was found without any drugs on his person. The individual was issued a

letter of trespass.

Nov. 13 - Harassment by Communication - A student received six telephone calls from an unknown person. The case is currently being investigated by OIT and the Department of Campus Safety.

Nov. 14 - Vehicle Violation - A car parked on the Front Drive was immobilized with the boot. The immobilized car had outstanding parking fees of over \$220.

Nov. 14 - Information - A group of students were reported chanting a profanity outside Seegers Union. One student who was a part of the reported group told Campus Safety that the profanity that they were chanting was not directed at a particular person.

Nov. 15 - Failure to Comply - A car was previously ticketed for illegal parking in the Trexler Library lot. The vehicle was ticketed again for the same offense.

Nov. 15 - Fire Alarm - A

Brown Hall resident knocked a sprinkler head off of the ceiling in her room. The accident caused flooding and triggered the fire alarm to go off in the residence hall.

Nov. 15 - Harassment - A student-on-student report of harassment was made in Martin Luther Hall when a resident found an unknown substance outside his door. The incident is currently being investigated.

Nov. 15 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student vehicle struck a Campus Safety officer's personal vehicle on Prosser Drive.

Nov. 15 - Fight - A fight broke out during the WMUH punk rock concert in the Garden Room in Seegers Union. Non-student Zachary Baker, a student of Ursinus College, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Nov. 16 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off at 2235 Gordon Street. Steam from a shower triggered the alarm to go off.

Nov. 16 - Controlled Substance - One small pipe and three baggies of marijuana were found in Walz Hall. Four students involved were referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 17 - Alcohol Violation - One student was referred to the Judicial Process due to an alcohol violation, and two students were referred to the Judicial Process due to failure to comply to Campus Safety's orders.

Nov. 17 - Alcohol Violation - One student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at Cedar Crest Blvd. due to complications involving alcohol. The student was also referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 17 - Injured Student - A student dislocated a shoulder in Prosser Hall. The individual was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Nov. 17 - Injured Student - A student received a finger injury from playing volleyball in the Sean

Cunningham Volleyball Tournament. The student was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital at 17th and Chew Streets.

Nov. 18 - Criminal Mischief - A student attempted to drill a large hole through a door in East Hall.

Nov. 18 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off in Taylor Hall due to a resident spraying room deodorant.

Nov. 18 - Criminal Mischief - One lounge chair and two tables were smashed in the first floor lounge of Prosser Hall.

Nov. 18 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A car accident occurred between a faculty member and a non-student on 23rd and Gordon Streets.

Nov. 18 - Vandalism - The tops of several trees planted outside Robertson Hall were removed.

Nov. 18 - Trashing - Pumpkins were thrown down a stairwell in Robertson Hall.



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COMPILED BY JOANNA BZIK

The world premiere of *Anything's Dream* intrigues the audience with its innovations**Jamie McKittrick (Nicole) and Allison Hinks (Frilled Lizard) in the MTA world premiere of *Anything's Dream*.**

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BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

Bizarre does not even begin to describe the new play by Muhlenberg's Baker Artist-in-Residence, Mac Wellman. To walk out of the theater and have no idea what one has just seen would be a completely understandable reaction to a viewing of *Anything's Dream*. Actually, it would be very surprising if someone could walk out of that show and have extracted a single clear meaning that was not contradicted or muddled in the course of the play. Throughout the production, there were several times when the characters tried to impart meaningful messages to the audience. However, it seemed almost as though the point of the show was that there are so many poetic ideas being expressed that the possibility of any single

meaning is totally obliterated. This is a show that can be taken in one of two ways. One could make an attempt to find all the completely unconnected ideas that emerge in the play in a search for the playwright's view on life. Or one could simply allow the play to wash over oneself, enjoying the visual spectacle that is *Anything's Dream*, and only every now and then noting the philosophical concepts that are raised.

In the philosophical sense, *Anything's Dream* seems more like a poem; each person finds his own truth in it. It is left wide open for interpretation. In the visual sense, however, audiences are wowed by the use of bright colors as well as extraordinarily varying types of song and dance. This play also appeals to the sexual sides of the audience by including rather provocative costumes and character

interactions that seem more like erotic rendezvous than scenes. In particular, one of the opening scenes between Titania and Oberon uses much of the actual Shakespearean text from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but the characters interact in a very flirtatious and sexual way, though the words they are saying depict a rather heated fight between the lovers. Also, this play was very unafraid to break traditional boundaries between the audience and the stage. The audiences for *Anything's Dream* are deliberately small, and the actors frequently enter into the audience or stand very close to audience members to deliver lines. It is almost impossible for a viewer to not be drawn into the action of the play. This is very effective in forcing those witnessing this poetry in

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Eugene Burger presents the secret of magic to the College

By JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writer

Eugene Burger, named one of the 100 most influential magicians of the twentieth century by *Magic* magazine, performed at the College as part of "The Theory and Art of Magic" series. The semester-long series, organized by Lawrence Hass, Professor of Philosophy, is coming to a conclusion and Burger returned to the College in order to participate in the festivities. Burger, a highly esteemed magician, was one of the most highly anticipated acts of the series due to his expertise and title as the "finest close-up magician in the world" (*Stagebill* maga-

zine).

A former professor of Comparative Religion at the University of Illinois, Burger first became entranced with magic at the age of eight. He never pursued this interest until the age of 39 when he quit his job to become a full-time magician. Despite his relatively late start, he blossomed as a performer and won a multitude of awards, such as the extremely prestigious "Close-up Magician of the Year," presented by the Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood in 1998 and 1999. To be a close-up magician requires the audience to be seated near the magician as he performs his act, making the feat all the more difficult.

Burger's performance on Thurs., Nov. 14 was a combination lecture and demonstration. His tricks were interspersed with his theories on magic and how it teaches important lessons that relate to life. Many of his tricks were centered on cards, and his first was no exception, in which he proceeded to change red cards to black. The most interesting trick, dating back to his days as a professor of religion, was when he demonstrated the Spanish Inquisition with cards. Calling himself Torquemada, the Grand Inquisitor, Burger portrayed one card as a person being tortured and managed to get one portion of the card to be face side up, while the

other half showed the back—similar to how the bodies of the victims of the Inquisition were manipulated.

The lecture segment of the program was much more intense than the demonstration portion. He began by saying that magic is much more than superstition, for it has the ability to "tap into our hopes and dreams, fears and nightmares." Magic even has the capacity to teach us five vital lessons that we are in danger of forgetting. The first message is that we need to always be alert and awake because things are not always what they seem; the second is that life is full of surprises. Burger explained that this lesson leads us to question

whether our lives are full of wonder or boredom.

Magic, Burger claimed, is also responsible for structuring the notion of possibility and encourages us to have big dreams. Through magic, we learn that life is full of mystery and cannot be solved, but it can be experienced. The final lesson is the most significant—magic tells us that "in life you are the magician—you have the power and can create change."

Burger's powerful presentation made it obvious why he is one of the most respected magicians in the world. His eloquent words and commanding presence kept the audience's attention and provided a treat for all.

Harry Potter is magic and a child's delight

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Chris Columbus, director of both *Chamber of Secrets* and *Sorcerer's Stone*, has worked his magic again. The second Harry Potter film is fabulous, possibly better than the first.

The Harry Potter books, by J.K. Rowling, follow Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) as they obtain their magical education at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The first film, released last year, was immensely popular, grossing over \$300 million domestically. Audiences have responded positively now to *Chamber of*

Secrets. It took in \$86.7 million its opening weekend.

The hiatus has also affected the child actors. Physically, they are taller and the boys' voices have deepened, but they've also grown more comfortable in front of the camera and their acting has improved.

Alan Rickman is back as the oily Professor Snape, and Richard Harris, who passed away last month, gives his final performance as Headmaster Albus Dumbledore. Both are incredible, but Kenneth Branagh and Jason Isaacs are the key adults in this film. Branagh's vain Gilderoy Lockhart is not as prominent as Lockhart is in the book, but when Branagh is onscreen he is hysterical. He was born to steal scenes. Isaac's Lucius Malfoy,

father to Harry's nemesis Draco (the superb Tom Felton), is deliciously evil.

The special effects are also more seamless. Columbus filmed those scenes first, giving his team more time to incorporate the CGI shots and create the spiders, the monster within the Chamber of Secrets, and Dobby, the house elf.

One word of warning: literalists may be disappointed. Steve Kloves, the writer, is not as faithful to the book as he was when he adapted *Sorcerer's Stone*. Look past it. *Chamber of Secrets* is a better movie because of the cuts. The plot flows, it makes sense, and there are no gaping errors. Enjoy the movie as a movie, not as a visualization of a book. Final Grade: A.

The Shanty: fine dining

By RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Life! Editor

Conspicuously hidden on 19th Street stands The Shanty, an outwardly drab establishment of continental cuisine. Yet, outward appearances can be very deceiving. When you pass through the heavy wooden doors that mark the restaurant's entrance, you'll find yourself immersed in comforting dim light and aroma of finely cooked food. Providing a wide variety of delicious entrees and a delectable salad bar, The Shanty proves to be the best and most convenient source of fine dining outside of Philadelphia, and yet it is unknown to many of the College's students.

The Shanty offers an incredibly wide range of meals for both meat-eaters and vegetarians alike. The menu presents options of chicken, prime rib, steak, several types of fish, and vegetarian appetizers in addition to a salad bar that the cooks seem to refresh every ten to fifteen minutes. For your entrée you can order a conventional roast-chicken type meal with rice pilaf or a baked potato along with soup or salad, but to do so would be conservative, for The Shanty appears to take pride in their creativity with conventional entrees. The Shanty offer meals that are prepared with innovation, using peanuts, sesame seeds and wasabi to bread a Japanese rare tuna dish or black beans and roasted red peppers sprinkled with paprika to garnish a Mexican chicken plate. Cooks combine spicy and tangy tastes to make each dish unique and stimulate the taste buds. The Shanty's universal carrot side dish that comes with many of the meals tastes so sweet and soft that even the adamantly anti-vegetable diner will surrender. The dessert selection is not as appetizing as one might expect from a fine restaurant; however, the dessert you do decide to order will be enormous and sharable among at least three sweet-toothed people in your party.

In addition to delicious food, The Shanty offers a quiet and comfortable atmosphere not evident by its meager outward appearance on a busy intersection in Allentown. Indoors the lighting is subdued and relaxing but not overly sedating. Weathered signs, vintage banners and old-time photographs hang from floor to ceiling on the very high walls, giving the restaurant an open and spacious quality. The restaurant's decorators even added humor to their schemes by placing a notorious and provocative picture of Burt Reynolds nude in the ladies' bathroom. The restaurant accommodates both large and small parties in either large, roomy tables or smaller wooden booths allowing for priva-

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Friday, November 22

6:30pm Movie "SIGNS" RD

10pm-2am SU Lobby

RACE CARS & PHOTO BOOTH

11pm-12:30am LAUGH TRACK RD



Saturday, November 23

6:30pm Movie "SIGNS" RD

9pm Singer "ADAM RICHMAN" RD

10pm-2am SU Lobby MUSIC VIDEOS



Sunday, November 24

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LIVE CONCERT

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The Evasons amaze and astound students with tricks of the mind

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

There's a woman standing blindfolded with her back turned to the audience as they rummage through wallets and pocketbooks in search of photographs, cigarettes or jewelry. As she discusses the feats she is about to perform a man races through the crowd searching for participants, stopping when he finds a girl clutching a ring. Within seconds, his blindfolded partner knows not only what object the girl is holding, but also states her name and the name of the girl's mother who purchased the ring. This is not your typical magic act--this is ESP as performed by the Evasons, a pair of mentalists who marveled those in attendance Saturday night in the Garden Room. Like Kuato in "Total Recall," all the Evasons ask in return of their audience is that you open your mind to them.

Jeff and Tessa Evason have been honing their ESP performance and astounding audiences since 1983. Since then, they've showcased their act around the world and were even called "the finest act of its kind in the world" on NBC's World's Greatest Magic 5. Even those tiger-loving individuals Siegfried & Roy named Jeff and Tessa their favorite act, presenting them with the prestigious SAR-MOTI award.

Whenever magic or psychic abilities are discussed there are bound to be skeptics who will refute the abilities of performers such as the Evasons. Jeff and Tessa attempt to combat this doubt by offering \$25,000 to anyone who can prove that they use electronic devices to relay information. While this might convince some of the duo's assurance in their abilities, a few staunch skeptics still remain. So how does the couple explain the seemingly impossible feats? Tessa remarked that "we build bonds with people we know and love that can enable us to be so in tune with one another that we know what they're thinking." When discussing the part of their performance when a participant is asked to hold two chalk boards closed with a piece of new chalk between them only to find the name of a recently deceased loved one written on the tablets when the act is complete, Jeff added that "even though a loved one may be deceased, they live on spiritually and remain with us."

Whether or not you have faith in connections with past loved ones or believe that a blindfolded woman could know what prescription you're holding and the doctor who prescribed it, one cannot deny that Jeff and Tessa Evason put on an incredible show--and that's exactly what it is, a performance meant to entertain those in attendance. The Evasons put on other shows at various locations throughout the year, and they have written a book, entitled *The Magic of ESP*. Perhaps with a little studying, you could pick up a few mind tricks yourself.

Alpha Phi Omega welcomes its new brothers

Melissa Betot
Erica Norey
Eric Kneisel
Adam Schwarz
Jeff Slotterback
Amanda Kokie
Jessica Gotfried
Kristan Moose
Joseph Ganser

Anything's Dream is poetic theatre

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motion to see and hear everything, so that they can decide for themselves what this play is about.

Anything's Dream is most definitely an experience that one cannot easily forget. There is a intriguing quote from Mac Wellman in the program that seems to adequately describe his creation: "All I would argue is that we need a place for poetic theatre in our cul-

ture, because it offers us insights into ourselves and our world that seem unavailable otherwise...Poetic theatre is about the life which flows through all of us and which we barely understand." Therefore, to those who go to see this show, be prepared to be visually mesmerized and intellectually confused. Interestingly enough that seems like somewhat good advice for life in general.

Write for Life!

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Aries

♈ You know those banners in the CA? Don't stand under them this week! If you are thinking about going down to the CA, don't! If you know other Aries, warn them, for you can save their lives!

Taurus

♉ Bull-like Taurus, you are one stubborn Mule. You are going to get into a few fights this week, but you'll have to suck up your pride and back down--watch what you do with those horns. Once in a while, it's okay to lose.

Gemini

♊ Your violent mood swings are continuing to persist. If you find yourself getting upset quickly with people around you, isolate yourself. Lock your volatile self in a broom closet. There's a nice one in East Hall.

Cancer

♋ Treat yourself to a backrub this week. You've had a very hard semester, and things are winding down to a close. You can definitely pull off some decent grades so don't stress. The end is in sight, so just relax, breathe, and eat lots of chocolate.

Leo

♌ Are you incredibly low on cash? Is your on-campus job not providing for you? You have an alternative for earning money. Sell your blood plasma! You can go every two weeks, so it's a reliable source of income. If that doesn't work for you, we hear the McDonald's is hiring.

Virgo

♍ Feeling frisky? Ignore that nervous apprehension you've been having whenever that someone special is around. Just step right up and tell them what you think of them. With your charm and grace, they'll be sure to respond to you positively.

Libra

♎ Think about how you've been spending most of your time recently. Surfing the Internet for sexy pictures of foxy ladies/sexy men is not a good way to spend your precious time. This is college after all; do some work for a change. Plus, if your roommate catches you, you're going to have a lot explaining to do.

Scorpio

♏ Since your birthday is newly past or just around the corner, go out and party! Surround yourself with good friends, dance up a storm, and be thankful for all the awesome presents that people have given or will give you. Just enjoy yourself because it's your special month. You're hot!

Sagittarius

♐ This week you'll find that you are very clumsy--Getting caught between doors in Seegers, tripping on your own feet, and falling up the stairs in front of others. Don't be embarrassed. Brush off your bumps and bruises as battle wounds. Take pride in your pratfalls--they take a certain

amount of skill.

Capricorn

♑ With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you are afraid to go home. Your mom will annoy you, your sibling will steal your clothes and your dad will fall asleep, completely oblivious. It will be okay, just remind your family and yourself that you are the prettiest and smartest person of the family and they are all losers in comparison to you.

Aquarius

♒ After a long week of work, go to the mall and get that expensive and decadent pair of designer jeans you've wanted since August. You deserve the treat. Just be sure to watch out for gum on you seat in the Garden Room.

Pisces

♓ Stop pretending to be something you're not. Clearly you're way too preppy to be saying "word to your mom" every three seconds. "Sup dog?" and Kate Spade, Heart Tag bracelets and Abercrombie just don't mix. Just stop it--it's sickening.

The undiscovered Shanty

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cy. The combination of dark, thick carpeting and polished wooden floors lined with lights makes the restaurant feel rich and welcoming.

On the downside, The Shanty may be too highly priced for a college student to dine there regularly. Going out to dinner there occasionally, however, is well worth the cost. The wait-staff is fast and efficient. The servers are very friendly and very helpful if you find yourself indecisive about what you want to order. Appetizers, main meals and desserts are all unusual, original and extremely enticing regardless of their price tags.

If you are willing to spend full price for fine food in a fine atmosphere, get dressed in your nice khakis and visit The Shanty for its Saturday night specials. If you devote the weekend to pizza and GQ pasta, you can visit The Shanty during the week. From Monday through Thursday the restaurant offers a very economical deal for the early birds: you can get the salad bar and a select full price entrée from the menu for only \$11.95. For what some people spend on fast food per week, you can go out to The Shanty on a Wednesday and eat heartily, relax and enjoy some real food.

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Womens soccer rolls to third straight regular season CC crown, hosts playoffs

By LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's soccer team had an incredible season this year, falling just short of their accomplishments in the past. The Mules finalized their season with a record of 13-7.

The squad clinched their third consecutive Centennial Conference regular season championship, which enabled them to host the Centennial Conference tournament once again. The Mules won nineteen successive Centennial Conference home contests and have reached double digits in victories in the past six seasons.

Junior Dawn Iberer broke a few records this season, including points per game. Iberer was one shy of the school record, giving her 107 for her career and is the second player in team history with over 100 career points. Iberer also tied a school record with her 44th career goal.

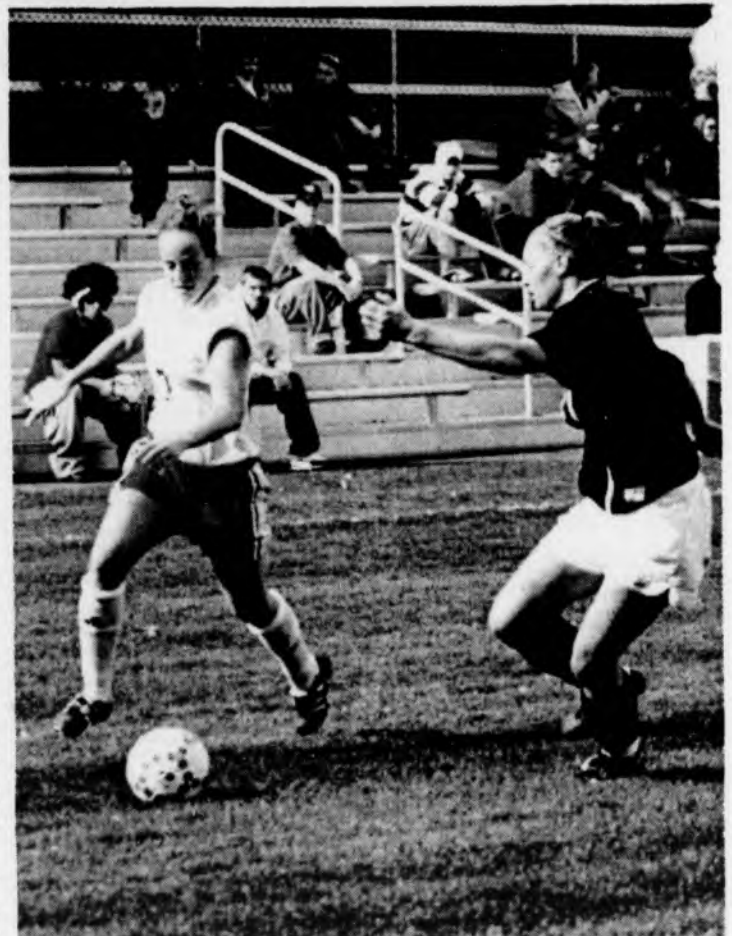
Iberer has held individual standings in the Centennial Conference rankings while also being named as Player of the Week at during the season. Iberer was the lone women's soccer player elected to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District College Division Team who are picked by the

College Sports Information Directors of America. To be chosen for this honor the student athlete must be at least a sophomore, have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and be a starter or reserve. Iberer earned a spot on the women's third team and is a psychology major.

The Mules also had four players receiving honors on to the Academic Honor Roll. To earn this honor a student must be at least a sophomore, a starter or reserve and have at least a 3.40 cumulative GPA. Sophomore Jenn Arrow, Communication, Junior Monica Jones, English, Senior Kim Laurino, Communication and Junior Dena Simons, Psychology all earned this honor.

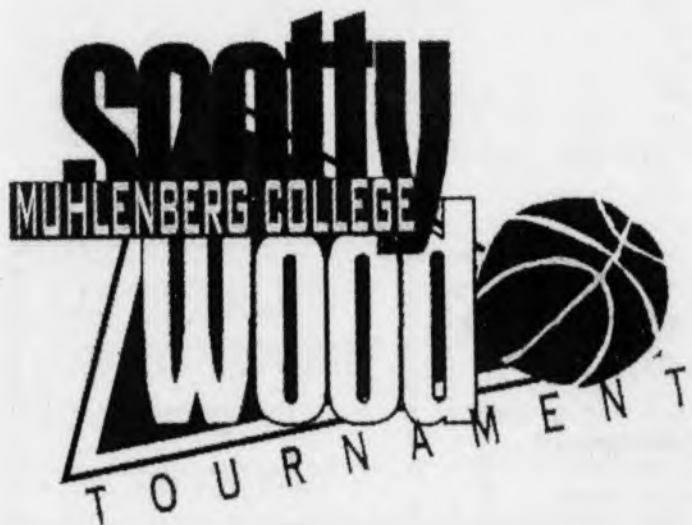
Along with the whole team, some other major contributors were Freshman Amy Schmidt, Sophomores Rebecca Armstrong, Katie Macomber and Jen Arrow. Juniors Jen Gitto, Kate Custance, Courtney Levine and Monica Jones, Seniors Jamie Gluck and Kim Laurino.

The Mules will lose two key players this year to graduation. Senior Captain Jamie Gluck, ends her career with three varsity letters and Kim Laurino finishes her career with three varsity letters as well.



Stacey Spector corners on a Franklin & Marshall defender.

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Tournament Schedule

Women's Tournament

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1:00 consolation game

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Tournament Champions

Women

2001	Muhlenberg
2000	Middlebury
1999	Muhlenberg
1998	Wittenberg
1997	Muhlenberg

Men

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1999	Muhlenberg
1998	Allentown
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round of the
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Hockey earns individual honors

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this was the second highest single season total in the Mules team history. Jacobs also netted a goal in her 2002 season.

Receiving honorable mention was Senior forward Holly Pico. Pico was the second leading scorer on the team with a total of seventeen points, seven goals and three assists. She finalized her career with 47 points.

Other women who received honors were four Mules that earned a spot on the Academic Honor Roll list. To achieve this honor, one must be a sophomore or

higher, starter or key reserve, and have at least a 3.40 cumulative GPA.

These players were Junior Emily Gargula, Business Administration, Junior Kristen Kastner, Psychology/Business Administration, Junior Danielle Kline, Political Science/Spanish and Sophomore Andrea Sebright, Chemistry.

Key losses to this team will be Senior Captains, Laura Diez, who ended her career with varsity letters, Holly Pico, with three varsity letters, Josephine Fasolino, with three varsity letters and Kristen Best who earned three varsity letters.

Armed with Conference standouts, football team faces undefeated Umass-Dartmouth

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two-play drive was made possible largely because Moravian started on their eight-yard line on the previous drive. Shay unknowingly helped his own cause on the ensuing punt return of 13-yards. This set up his 29-yard touchdown reception on first down across the middle from Jones, who recovered after initially fumbling the snap. The snap on the following point-after was again fumbled, and no attempt made to score.

The score remained stagnant until Muhlenberg added two more points off a Moravian turnover. Deep in the third quarter, Moravian decided to stick on a fourth-and-ten situation from the Greyhound 22. Moravian cornerback Nate Pogue intercepted a Jones pass at the one-yard line and tried to lateral to teammate Jarrod Pence, who was engulfed in his own end zone by Kodi Shay and Alfredo Mercuri for a safety.

Tailback Matt Bernardo plodded through the down-

pour and opposing defense for 129 yards on 32 carries. Fullback Chris Brown supplied eight carries and 40-yards for the Muhlenberg cause. Their combined 163-yards rushing proved the second highest racked up against the country's eighth-ranked run defense on the season.

Tackled for a loss on three of his thirty-two carries, Bernardo stayed in the black for his seventh straight 100-yard plus game. His performance earned him the title of game MVP known as the Bianco Award, which was granted to defensive end Mike Koth last year for his ten tackles in Muhlenberg's losing effort.

This year, Koth contributed with two tackles and two assists, and as a member of a unit that checked a Moravian offense to 125 yards. He was named to the All Centennial Conference team, along with seven other defenders, including junior rover Dan Miller, classmates Thanasis Petrakis and Tony Briscella, free safety and cornerback respectively. Seniors Beau

Sherry (LB) and Tyler Cathey (DL) were voted 1st team as well. Seniors Jordan Wright and senior Jon Buglione were also crowned with second team honors.

Laurelled Conference Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback Jones led the league in passing yards, touchdowns, efficiency, total yards and was one of nine offensive players named with All-Centennial Conference honors.

Bernardo, Rob Sherman (TE), Chris Radomski (OT) and Kodi Shay (KR) accepted the same honor. Seniors Chris Reed (K) and Alfredo Mercuri (WR) received 1st team distinction.

Reed led all Centennial Conference kickers with 85-points and set a Conference record with 15-field goals. He was also named to the Verizon Academic All District II College Division Team. To earn this honor, a student-athlete must earn at least a 3.2, be a sophomore or higher, and be a starter or reserve.

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Soccer team loses playoff shootout to Johns Hopkins

BY BEN CARR
Weekly Sports Writer

After losing to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays in Baltimore 3-0 earlier in the season, the Mules men's soccer team knew they would have their hands full in the first round of the Centennial Conference playoffs.

The Blue Jays proved once again to be a worthy opponent. This time the Mules answered every move that the top-seeded Hopkins made. They held the Jays to no goals through regulation and through two overtime periods forcing the game into penalty kicks, a position that the Mules had not been in all season.

After trading misses in the first round of five shots, the score was even at 4-4. The next Hopkins shot was deflected away by Sophomore goalie Chris Davis, giving the Mules an opportunity to secure the victory. The next Mules shooter was unable to convert, and the shutout went to the next round.

They traded seventh round goals and the match moved to the eighth round. A Hopkins score forced the Mules to put another goal in the net to move the match forward. The Mules shooter could not capitalize on this opportunity, sending them home and Johns Hopkins forward to face Franklin & Marshall in the final.

Despite the loss, the Mules put together an excellent season (13-8, 6-3) behind first year head coach Sean Topping. Seniors Josh Menditch, Mike Hotchkappel, David Vassilaros and Tom Hartey along with captains Ben Long and Quentin McDowell made contributions.

Three of the players were named on to the Academic Honor Roll list. These men were Senior Tom Hartey, Computer Science, Junior Justin Henning, Biology, and Senior David Vassilaros, Economics. To be nominated for this honor you must be a sophomore, starter or reserve and have at least a 3.40 cumulative GPA.

Two of the Mules also received the honor of being chosen to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District College Division Team. To receive this honor they must be at least a sophomore, a start or reserve and have a 3.2 cumulative GPA. Senior David Vassilaros is nominated for the Academic All-America team.

Also honored from the men's team was Senior midfielder Tom Hartey. Hartey was selected to the Academic All-District second team.

A big hand for student athletes



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As the end of the Fall semester rapidly approaches, we should take time to thank the student-athletes (and their coaches) who put the tumultuous events of this past summer behind them and showed Centennial Conference foes that the Mule is one tough animal. The football team and Cross Country runners Junior Rob Uniszkiwicz and Senior Will Elson will be spending this upcoming Saturday at Scotty Wood Stadium and at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Uniszkiwicz and Elson

have helped lead a revival of success for the Men's Cross Country team whose 4th place team finish in the National Tournament last weekend was the best finish in the program's history. Junior Brian Cash, Senior Brendan Gallagher and Freshman Alex Holtz were All-Region Honorees by placing within the top 35. The Women's Cross Country team finished 16th but Freshman Karen Mount garnered All-Region honors with her 25th place finish.

The efforts of the Mules football team have been rewarded with the opportunity to play their first ever NCAA Championship playoff game in front of the home crowd. The veteran squad was led offensively by Senior quarterback Justin Jones and Junior running back Matt Bernardo, both who played brilliantly throughout the regular season. Bernardo will enter his senior season as the school's All-Time Leading Rusher, a feat he accomplished in a home victory against Union late in the season. Whoever

replaces Jones next season will be in the shadow of a tough, consistent quarterback who has been at the helm of the offensive for the past two seasons.

Defensively, the Mules were led by a combination of seniors and juniors including the leader of the linebacking core, Senior tri-captain Beau Sherry who finished his regular season career in fine form by being named the Centennial Conference's Defensive Player of the Week for his 10 tackle performance in a 8-0 shutout of Moravian. Cornerback Jordan Wright also had a fantastic final campaign, finishing his regular season with at least one interception in each of the last four contests. Kicker Chris Reed had a wonderful career, breaking virtually every school kicking record.

The Field Hockey, Men's and Women's Soccer as well as the Volleyball team all had very solid seasons and will undoubtedly be major players in the NCAA Championship playoff hunt next Fall.

Field hockey improves on last season

BY LISA KOHN
Asst. Sports Editor

Led by Coach Kristen Stuckel for the past three years, the Mules field hockey, ended this season on a high note, despite having the playoffs slither right out from under them.

With the 2001 season ending with a record of 8-9, the Mules demonstrated their vast improvement by making their 2002 campaign a winning one.

The squad ended their season with a Conference record of 6-3, and an overall tally of 14-5. This season the team had several standout performances and broke a number of records.

Senior Josephine Fasolino made the final four saves of her career in the contest against Bryn Mawr. These saves pushed her over the half century mark for career saves with 503. By the incoming 2002 season, there were only twenty-seven goalkeepers in Division III history to have ever broken 500 saves in

their career. Fasolino also broke Muhlenberg's career record in saves midway through the season.

Along with Fasolino, teammate Sophomore Kristen Bruschi broke a school record as well. Bruschi finalized her season with nineteen goals, breaking the 40-year-old school record of eighteen.

Bruschi ended her season by breaking the school record for points with 44 in the season.

The Mules this season had an incredible bond on and off the field, which was a large factor for them having a winning season. With this season, the Mules tied a school record set in 1989, tied in 1990, with fourteen wins in a season.

The Mules 6-3 record marks the Centennial Conference with their second best in history. In 1993, the team was 7-2, which was the start of the league.

A number of the field hockey women were named by the Centennial

Conference throughout the season as Player of the Week and also held positions on the individual stats in the Centennial Conference.

In addition to the Mules as a whole and the others who earned rankings, contributing immensely through out the season were Senior Laura Diez, Junior Alissa Maurer, Sophomore Sarah Fosdick, Freshman Alexa Sterbinsky and Katie Thomas.

Three of the Mules this year were named to the All-Centennial Conference team. Sophomore forward Kristen Bruschi was the only Mule selected to the first team. Bruschi had an exceptional season, which entailed breaking some school records, and after two seasons, Bruschi is ranked ninth in team history with 57 career points.

Junior midfielder Lauren Jacobs was elected to the second team. Jacobs led the Mules with eight assists;



Senior Captain Holly Pico swivels past a Hopkins defender.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

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Moravian's # 25 David Darmofal fumbles the ball in the First quarter. He recovered his fumble for a gain.

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Football blanks archrival Moravian 8-0

Qualify for NCAA Tournament for first time in program history

BY CHRIS PRICE
Asst. Sports Editor

Drudging between the relentless Saturday rain clouds and the sopping Steel Field grounds, the Muhlenberg football team avenged their 17-7 loss in 2001 with an 8-0 feat against cross-valley rival Moravian College that put the awning on regular season play.

In other Division III gridiron action on Saturday, Johns Hopkins thrashed undefeated McDaniel 27-7, creating a three-way Centennial Conference tie for first place between McDaniel, Johns Hopkins and the Mules. Despite the tie, and McDaniel's 35-14 victory over Muhlenberg on

Oct. 5th, the Mules will automatically represent the Centennial Conference in the NCAA Tournament based on the strength of their schedule.

Set to start on Saturday, the 28-team NCAA Tournament begins for Muhlenberg as they host UMass-Dartmouth Saturday.

Playing each other for the first time ever, Muhlenberg and UMass-Dartmouth each enter uncharted territory in the NCAA playoffs for the first time in program history. The 11-0 Corsairs topped the New England Football Conference as one of ten unbeaten Division III squads. Muhlenberg's shutout Saturday marks the

third in their last four games.

Helping in this effort was linebacker Beau Sherry, who was named Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week. Sherry's 10-tackles was matched only by fellow linebacker Tony Briscella. Moravian managed to run only one play on Muhlenberg turf, the last one of the half, throughout the first 42 minutes. The play ended when cornerback Jordan Wright netted an interception for the fourth straight game.

The Greyhounds' most legitimate scoring threat ended on a faulty field goal snap caused by the wet conditions.

Justin Jones, following

performances of 232 and 273-yards that earned him Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week for two consecutive weeks, managed four completions on eighteen attempts for forty-four yards.

The conditions stifled both the Muhlenberg and Moravian passing games to 71-yards combined, as Moravian's 98-yards rushing was exactly 71-yards more than their total passing assault, an amount more than doubled by Muhlenberg.

Muhlenberg's first score came on a second quarter, 29-yard pass from Justin Jones to Kodi Shay. The

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Volleyball benefit tourney

BY WENDY EICHLER
Senior Asst. News Editor

In the third annual Sean Cunningham Volleyball Tournament, teams of students, faculty, staff and alumni played for enjoyment and to raise money for two organizations. The winning team, "The Mulligans," just barely secured the championship and a \$100 prize in the close final match of the tournament, held in the Life Sports Center on Sunday. Teams from various campus organizations, such as S.H.A.R.E., Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) and Sig Ep fraternity, as well as informal teams of people played in four rounds of single-game matches, as D.J. Jared Rosen entertained players and spectators. The tournament benefited the Lost Boys of Sudan and Turning Point. Each team paid an entrance fee of \$25, the same as in last year's successful tournament that raised over \$750 for local charities.

The championship match was very close, pitting "The Mulligans" against "Jim Banko's Team" in a best of three series. All other matches were single elimination games using rally scoring. The runner up team won \$75, and the third place team was awarded the \$50 prize.

Sophomore Mike Posternack said the tournament was enjoyable and benefitted a good cause as well. "Anyone could play, because you don't have to be good to have fun," he said.

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Dean Dretsch steps down

By LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Effective this summer, Dean Curtis Dretsch's resignation has sparked a mix of reactions from the faculty of the College. After almost ten years in the administration leading to Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College for Faculty, Dretsch is resigning from his position to return to teaching at the College.

Dretsch announced his decision to resign to the faculty of the College last Friday after much contemplation and discussion. With the recent change in administration and new presidential search underway, "I thought I could facilitate a healthier opportunity for change by making [my resignation] now than later," said Dretsch.

"There are many people

at an institution like this with real and legitimate propriety interests, and a conversation for that is important. I thought this way would be the best to do that." He explained that the decision did not come easily to him, though he is "extremely confident of the rightness of this decision."

Faculty responded with mixed comments to Dretsch's resignation. "I thought he was an excellent Dean. He served as a good go-between faculty and the president. He moved the College forward in many, many ways," said Charles Richter, Professor and Head of Theatre and Dance.

Marsha Baar, Associate Professor of Chemistry, also noted that, "In my personal experience, I was always extremely comfortable approaching him with any concerns I had. He was always very supportive of

the faculty and cares a great deal about the institution."

Not all of the reactions to Dretsch's resignation were positive. According to William Tighe, Associate Professor and Acting Department Head of History, the position of Dretsch between former president Taylor and the faculty brought widespread criticism. According to Tighe, "[He had] a certain tendency when it looked like a major disagreement was going on between the faculty and [Taylor]: he would have to rally in [Taylor's] defense."

Tighe also explained that Dretsch's response to faculty concerns and ideas were perceived varyingly. He said that Dretsch was supportive of faculty on a one-on-one basis, though "if a public matter, I think he was perceived to be open only if [Taylor] was. It looked as though he took his cues as to how to respond and behave from Taylor," he said.

According to Dretsch, "I've tried to be quietly encouraging to provide gentle pressure to move things in what I believe to be the right direction and to never ever get in the way of impulses that are so right for the [College]."

"[His resignation is] likely to clear the air at the College because he was someone who was essentially made into a Dean by Arthur Taylor," said Tighe. "Correctly or incorrectly, he was tainted by his long history of association with [Taylor]. His leaving as Dean is probably the best thing for the College and the best thing for him as a professor as well," said Tighe.

Regardless of criticism of Dretsch, most faculty assented that "he worked very hard for [the College]. He always did what he

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The Alpha Epsilon Pi house was the scene of the arrest of 29 individuals last Friday.

By JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Dorothy Moyer killed in car accident

By MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

This past Friday, Jan. 17, Dorothy J. Moyer, wife of late Muhlenberg College '35 alumnus Forrest G. Moyer M.D. '35 and major contributor to the College, died as the result of a car accident. Moyer was driving to physical therapy required in order to recuperate from recent hip surgery.

The accident occurred in Weisenberg Township, Pa., when she lost control of her vehicle on a snowy roadway and struck a tree. Moyer was a graduate of the Allentown Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a secretary and pediatric nurse in her husband's Allentown practice. Moyer was also a member of the Muhlenberg

College Auxiliary. A group of alumni and friends of the College, the Auxiliary is involved at all levels of the College Community and works to plan events and gatherings on and around campus. Moyer contributed a great deal to the College, both monetarily and via her actions.

Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students said, "Dorothy was a wonderful, caring woman who opened up her heart to everyone that she came in contact with. Even after her husband's death, her involvement in the College continued to grow."

Interim President James Steffy commented that, "We will always cherish her spirit and the impact she has on the Muhlenberg Community."

AEPi party busted

By BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

With music blaring from the small cramped basement of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity on Friday, Jan. 17 emerged a student who attracted enough attention with his drunken antics that it left 29 individuals with citations for underage drinking. The act of public urination caused an eruption of upheaval on 23rd and Gordon St. that required the assistance of Allentown Police Department (APD) in conjunction with Campus Safety to appease the house's neighbors, who have been known to complain about the actions of the College's fraternities in the past.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, stated that, "an individual exited the

facility and started to urinate in front of an APD captain who was driving by." Upon responding to the public urination incident, the captain began questioning the student and "found that he was drinking at the house and was underage," stated Lupole.

Captain Claude Cole of APD stated that, "other persons exited while we were investigating, who smelled of alcohol." Cole further explained that after witnessing the series of individuals leaving that smelled of alcohol, the decision was made to enter the house and halt the situation of underage drinking.

At this time, Campus Safety was notified of the situation and joined the APD officers at the scene.

Lupole explained that the

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David M. Sobotkin, Editor-in-Chief

In defense of affirmative action

With the Supreme Court preparing to hear arguments in an affirmative action case involving the University of Michigan, the nation again faces questions of race, as it has since the birth of the nation. Among the areas that comprise this hot-button issue—fairness, equality and diversity, to only name a few—one has been lacking: social responsibility.

Irrespective of backlash, there are a number of issues that require us to rise above talking points and canned responses, abound with meaningless platitudes. Racial representation in America's educational system is one of them. We must dare to do what is right for American society, albeit presently unpopular. After all, some of the most widely praised social and political changes in American history were met with the most uproarious contempt. History has absolved leaders of those movements, as it will the advocates for affirmative action, who seek to create an educational system that finally overcomes a pervasive past of racial exclusion. We have a responsibility to actively pursue this end, not merely wait in deference to a nebulous force that some believe will ultimately rectify the problem of racial imbalance.

Social responsibility also transcends and supercedes any potential short-term loss of historical "haves," as that same responsibility necessitates seeking long-term and sustainable solutions to the problem of educational representation of the historical "have-nots." While some may suffer negative repercussions due to affirmative action, social responsibility must force a shift in scope, from one concerning 2003 to one concerning 2053, 2103 and beyond.

Nearly a half-century has passed since the desegregation of schools, and still the profile of racial and ethnic minorities graduating from our nation's universities remains startlingly similar. Social responsibility compels us to continue diligently and vigorously in our effort to have our campuses reflect the societies in which they exist.

Great ideas, great institutions, poor cooperation

Mike Yellin

Weekly Guest Columnist

"I, (your name here), would like to make a motion to..." Week after week in Student Council, motions are proposed with that much simplicity. Usually it is the Vice-President approving a new club on campus or the Treasurer allocating funds. These are important decisions of course, but there are so many issues being dealt with on campus that could be channeled through Student Council, and yet aren't.

Muhlenberg students are active in trying to promote their ideas on various topics from the College's paper supplier to the possibility of a war with Iraq. The most significant vote Council made this year, however, was whether or

not representatives who go abroad should be recalled or not. I'm not trying to put down Student Council or the work that it does. It has some of the most innovative and dynamic students on this campus as its members and they do the best they can with what they have. The problem is that they aren't given much by the student body with which to work.

Many other Student Government Associations in colleges across the country draft letters to the U.S. Congress, or to their state legislatures in support or opposition of legislation that affects the students that they represent. We live in a country that thrives on free speech, and we were accepted in to a top institution based on a high level of accomplishment.

There is no reason why

we shouldn't use our collective potential to offer our views to a larger audience than just our small campus.

Even though we have the tools, we don't bring our campus initiatives to Student Council; we don't promote our agenda on a state and national level as a student body.

We continue to be active on campus and active on third floor Haas every Thursday, but almost never in conjunction with one another. Why is that? Perhaps it's that Student Council doesn't seem like the most welcoming place to present ideas, and that's a problem that Council certainly has to address. At the same time, are students taking initiative on campus utilizing Council, or are they trying to avoid what seems to be just another way

Bookstore blues

Jason Klein

Weekly Guest Columnist

The beginning of a new college semester is always a very exciting time -- reuniting with your college friends, excitement over your new course schedule and futile promises to yourself that you will stop procrastinating. All these things considered, the most exciting time for most college students is waiting on the line in the bookstore. Not only is it fun shopping for your books, it is also a magical time. You wait in line for hours and before you know it, "poof," your bank account decreases and your hundreds of dollars turn into books.

The Muhlenberg College Bookstore is certainly my favorite place on campus, especially during the first week of the semester. The bookstore becomes a circus of sorts; the whole student population of Muhlenberg cramps itself into our quaint little bookshop much like circus clowns cramping themselves into a Volkswagen Beetle. The organization of the bookstore and the clearly labeled books make the book buying experience so much more convenient. After overflowing my red basket with the masses of books that are required reading for my courses, I use my waiting time to relax and get a head start on my reading. After I finish reading all the books I've purchased, and after I finish honing my social skills, I sometimes like to get some exercise using my patented bookstore workout. I do arm curls with my hundred pound book basket; this is why I'm so ripped. The bookstore is so

courteous -- not every place provides you with reading material and a workout while waiting in line.

After hours waiting in line it becomes magic time. I walk up to the register and am immediately overwhelmed by the friendly atmosphere and smiles which radiate from the cashiers' faces. I look behind me and notice that some students seem miserable. I guess they are upset that the line is moving so quickly, and they will not have time to get through their tricep workout. Before long, like magic, my bank account decreases a couple of hundred dollars. But alas, the books I have read while waiting in line are mine forever.

The Muhlenberg College Bookstore knows that it is vital that a student have cash in his or her pockets. This is pre-

cisely why at the end of each semester they allow us lucky students to exchange our books for cash. The bookstore actually buys our used textbooks back from us, and they pay top dollar. At first I thought this was some sort of scam. I used to think that the Bookstore was only buying our books back from us to re-sell them as used books at double the price they paid us for them. The bookstore does not buy our books back so they can make more money, they buy our books back because they care.

We are so lucky that we go to a college that understands the old adage that money does not grow on trees. That is why our books are so cheap, not only in quality, but also in price. Thank you Muhlenberg College Bookstore, you are truly an unsung hero at this institution.

...I sometimes like to get some exercise using my patented bookstore workout. I do arm curls with my hundred pound book basket; this is why I'm so ripped.

to get their issue caught up in red tape?

If you want to change the College's paper supplier for example, does it really matter if you have to go through a few weeks of Student Council meetings to get the student body's support? At the same time, the representatives who the student body elects should make every effort to make Student Council a welcoming place, open to student

expression and progressive change.

The key to success is not only in progressive thinking, but in the ability for those thinkers to promote their ideas through the institutions that are established by the College Community. We need to start coming together, promoting the agenda of the entire student body, instead of promoting division among our student leaders. We have the potential for so many big things, but we need to start small. Embrace innovation and accept red tape, and the possibilities are endless.

There is no reason why we shouldn't use our collective potential to offer our views to a larger audience than just our small campus

Start jumping and do something



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In 1688 a scientist was experimenting with a frog and a pot of water. When the frog was placed in the pot of boiling water, it sensed that the climate was no longer conducive to its survival and jumped out of the pot. When the frog was placed in a pot of cool water, it felt secure. As the scientist slowly turned up

the heat, the frog was unable to sense the difference. Eventually, it was killed.

The frog metaphor is illustrated in Tiffany Shlain's short film "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." The film, about women's reproductive rights, was made for Golden Gate Planned Parenthood and is currently showing at the Sundance Film Festival.

Planned Parenthood uses the film to demonstrate that the current climate is not as favorable to women as one might think. Since taking office, President Bush has done the following: In March of 2001, the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach was closed.

Last May at the U.N. Children's Summit, repre-

sentatives for the Bush Administration fought against sexuality education and opposed condoms for HIV/AIDS prevention. In the summer of 2002, President Bush withheld 34 million dollars in funding for birth control, maternal and child health care and HIV/AIDS prevention from the United Nations Population Fund.

Furthermore, the U.S. has not signed the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, or CEDAW. As described by the U.N. webpage, CEDAW is an international bill of rights for women. By ratify-

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ing discriminatory laws, establishing public institutions "to ensure the effective protection of women against discrimination" and ending discrimination against women by persons, organizations or enterprises. Ending discrimination against women? Clearly, this is very radical stuff.

Last Friday, the Bush Administration again proposed drilling on the Alaska North Slope. The nine million acres near the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge are home to very distinctive wildlife and tundra. Melinda Pierce, a lobbyist for the Sierra Club, responded, "The Bush Administration is busy scouring the American landscape for more places to punch holes and set up oil rigs, when instead we should be investing in renewable energy and working to permanently protect special places in the western Arctic."

The Administration is, however, working toward a plan of action to counter the growing nuclear threat posed by North Korea. When asked last week about

the increasing danger coming from Kim Jong Il's regime, Mr. Bush said we must act quickly against Iraq.

"For years, Kim Jong Il has acted in blatant disregard of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and last week, he rejected it outright," Bush told reporters after a National Security Council meeting on North Korea. "We cannot allow weapons of mass destruction to remain in the hands of volatile, unpredictable leaders. Which is exactly why we must act quickly and decisively against Saddam Hussein." Yes. If Saddam Hussein allows U.N. weapons inspectors into his country and Kim Jong Il has made no moves toward disarmament, obviously we must attack Iraq.

Think about the amount of time most of us spend online each day. Hours are lost on Instant Messenger talking to our friends. Use some of that time to look into the issues that affect us. Look at the *Times* and the *Post*, but check out the BBC, commondreams.org and the *Washington Times* to get a different perspective. The heat is rising. Start jumping.

Roe v. Wade anniversary

Eric Prock

Weekly Guest Columnist

A day that forever changed American society, Jan. 22, 1973. On that infamous day, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered its decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade*. The Court ruled 7-2 that the abortion of a fetus would be legalized within the first trimester of a pregnancy. These "individual freedoms" opened the door for the watershed decision to be granted in favor of pregnant women, eventually culminating in the most latent form of abortion, partial birth abortion. As the 30th anniversary of this landmark case approaches, I think it is time that we, as American citizens, evaluate its legitimacy.

In *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Warren Blackmun wrote the majority opinion, in which he based the decision to legalize abortion on "personal liberty." The last time that I checked, terminating the life of a defenseless human being was murder, not an exercise of one's "personal liberty." And herein arises the debate. When does human life begin? At conception? At birth? That question is at the root of the abortion debate. While many religions weigh in on this matter, an objective answer can be found through science.

In 1858, the German pathologist

Rudolph Virchow proved that cells arise from other cells, not from non-living tissue (omnis cellula e cellula). This clearly indicates to me that the life of a child begins at the moment of conception. As soon as a sperm and an egg unite to form a zygote, a child begins to develop. Virchow's discovery indicates that all of the cells present in a newborn baby originate from the duplication of the initial cell forged at the moment of conception. Since those cells present at the moment of birth are exact replicas of the cell forged

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at conception, shouldn't they fall under the same classification? I argue that they should. At both stages, the cell(s) should be considered to constitute a human life because even that initial cell contains the DNA necessary to confirm the existence and identity of a human being.

All of this is merely just food for thought as we approach the 30th anniversary of one of the most defining moments of American society. To me, it seems highly hypocritical to interfere with other nations, such as the former Yugoslavia, in the name of human rights, while on our home front we murder innocent and defenseless unborn children.

I think that all Americans need to reevaluate the ideals that they hold sacred because we are approaching a critical point in American history, a point that could define our nation for centuries to come.

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Weekly Discourse: U.S. foreign policy

How should Bush address issues in North Korea versus those in Iraq?

Danielle Spang
Weekly Guest Columnist

Many critics of the Bush Administration would argue that the reason Iraq and North Korea have been treated differently since October 2001 is a simple three-letter word: "o-i-l." In spite of the differing natural resources each nation contains, there are tensions that arise in both conflicts, that, at least until now, the current administration has chosen to deal with differently. My goal is to illuminate some of the differences between the conflicts in Iraq and North Korea, and to unveil some of the assumptions in the process.

As stated in the *Montreal Gazette*, while gearing up for a possible war with Iraq, "the White House reiterat[es] that President George W. Bush wants a peaceful solution to the conflict [with North Korea]." People question why the approach to the conflict in North Korea differs from the one in Iraq because both nations were identified in President Bush's 2002 State of the Union 'Axis of Evil' speech. However, his treatment of this 'axis' has differed between the two conflicts.

According to the *Windsor Star*, North Korea "is the only regime that has explicitly threatened the United States with nuclear weapons." In addition, since October 2002 they have admitted to restarting a forbidden nuclear program, expelled U.N. inspectors and withdrawn from the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Iraq, on the other hand, has denied the presence

of a nuclear program, has allowed U.N. inspectors entry to their country and remains on the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Setting aside the differences between the administration's treatment of Iraq and North Korea, there are other states that might be pertinent to this discourse.

As of 2000, according to the Federation of American Scientists, four states had not joined the nuclear non-proliferation treaty: Cuba, Israel, India and Pakistan. However, our nation's 'axis of evil' includes Iran, Iraq and North Korea. In defense of a 'war in Iraq,' I've heard arguments ranging from "they might have weapons of mass destruction" to "we need to get rid of Saddam." Yet, were those reasons justification for this war, I'd see no way to avoid entering into a war with North Korea, Israel, India, Pakistan, China or any other state with possible nuclear capabilities. I could not in good conscience ever argue that Saddam was anything more than an immoral leader of his country -- but should the United States perform a preemptive and unilateral strike to overthrow his regime?

To what extent do national resources affect our foreign policies? What are the other factors that lead this administration to deem Iraq a greater threat than North Korea? Have they deliberately diverted international attention away from the other states that didn't join the nuclear non-proliferation treaty? My hope is that the answers to these and other questions, including the administration's position on issues of domestic concern, will be addressed.

John Boutsikakis
Weekly Guest Columnist

There is something not right with the manner in which the Bush Administration is choosing how to deal with international regimes that pose a threat to the United States, namely the reaction to North Korea's decision to continue nuclear weapons testing.

President George W. Bush has used strong rhetoric since Sept. 11 to portray the nation's policy towards any international aggression that may pose a threat to the country. I support such language, as long as the administration follows its speech with proper action. Besides the "cave dwellers in Afghanistan," I venture to say that North Korea is a greater threat because the proof is there. North Korea has disregarded the current weapons restrictions and has redeveloped its nuclear reactors for what they call "fuel purposes."

While the U.S. waits for the slightest signal of a "smoking gun" to appear in the Iraqi weapons inspections, they have an "exploding cannon" going off in North Korea. North Korean troop movement in the Demilitarization Zone of the North/South Korean border also shows aggression on their part. The Bush Administration reiterates that Saddam Hussein mistreats his people, yet omitting the fact that the North Korean, leader Kim Jong Il, collects foreign aid for his people while allowing them to starve.

There must be a more concerted effort to divert some of the attention that the U.S. has given to Iraq

and concentrate on North Korea. Saddam Hussein has agreed to the U.N. terms and policies while Kim Jong Il ignores both the U.S. and the U.N. North Korea is by far the more desperate nation. Until the U.N. weapon inspectors find some physical evidence to back the U.S.'s claim, North Korea remains a stronger threat to our nation. How can we distinguish between when it is justified to use military force and when we should try to solve this conflict through peaceful negotiations? If we justify armed force by the physical evidence of weapons of mass destruction then we are certainly going about these two situations in the wrong way.

The administration is not consistent with its speech and actions. There is most certainly something wrong in both cases but I think that North Korea exhibits both danger to the U.S. and danger to the international community, which Iraq does not. If Iraq, North Korea and Iran make up this "axis of evil" then the question we should really ask ourselves is which is the greater of those evils. North Korea has given all the signs to the possibility of U.S. and U.N. intervention. Whichever the case, I will do my duty as both a citizen of the U.S. and as a friend of many members of the armed services and put my support in whichever endeavor they are currently embattling. Remember, while we sit in our comfortable colleges and universities, people are actually out there in the real world putting their lives on the line for us. So maybe next time we think about marching against something, we can stand together to support our soldiers.

Dr. Christopher Herrick
Weekly Guest Columnist

The position of the George W. Bush administration to pull away from the dialogue with North Korea reflected a unilateralist orientation on the part of Bush and his foreign policy team. When coupled with the unfortunate "axis of evil" rhetoric of the Bush presidency in early 2001, this served to again isolate North Korea.

North Korea reactivated its nuclear program and their sensitivity to increasing U.S. hostility may be seen as a product of numerous factors. North Korea had reason to believe that the U.S. might indeed contemplate military action against that state. Whether the reactivation of its nuclear program represents a North Korean bargaining chip to be negotiated away in return for a non-aggression guarantee from the United States or whether this reactivation represents an attempt to develop a force sufficient to deter the U.S. from further attack upon North Korea is an open question. It seems to have been a policy reaction rather than a policy initiative.

Alternately, in view of the serious domestic economic conditions within North Korea, the government of North Korea could easily have

expected the Bush administration to react to its obvious dislike of North Korea's domestic and foreign policy actions by applying expanded economic pressures on North Korea to promote the collapse of the North Korean state. North Korea's reaction of reinstituting a nuclear program may be leverage to guarantee the continued flow into North Korea of fuels and raw materials necessary to that state's economic survival.

In the absence of a workable theater ballistic missile defense system, the U.S. cannot provide much protection for South Korea or Japan in a direct military confrontation with North Korea. By delaying a confrontation through negotiation, the U.S. buys time to put such a theater ballistic missile system in place, allowing the U.S. to better address any future North Korean cheating in the development of nuclear weapons.

Negotiation coupled with the application of direct and indirect positive and negative inducements toward North Korea in the context of a multilateral effort may be more realistic than they would be in the case of Iraq. Both the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) and Russia do not wish to see North Korea pursue a nuclear program. As a consequence, both the states have already been willing to put pressures on North Korea to enter into a settlement whereby it would

receive economic benefits and potentially a security guarantee in return for terminating its nuclear program. Pressure from Russia and the P.R.C. increase the probability that North Korea would honor a commitment to suspend its nuclear program if the U.S. refrains from again appearing to embark on the policy of direct military confrontation with North Korea. Unlike Iraq, North Korea openly renounced its treaty commitments rather than secretly embarking on a violation of these commitments. There is somewhat greater probability that North Korea is willing to respect international legal precedent than is the case with Iraq.

A final factor pressuring the U.S. to take a less confrontational approach to North Korea revolves around the issue of international public opinion. A policy of direct military confrontation with North Korea is ill-advised. There are policy alternatives that are less damaging to U.S. security in the short term and no more damaging to security in the long-term than a costly military operation in Korea conducted in the near future. The Bush Administration would be advised to resort to such an alternative. This alternative to the North Korean issue should be based on the application of force through U.N. system under the coordination of the U.N. Security Council.

Early decision applicants down but still strong

BY CHRISTINA LICIAGA
Weekly News Writer

The Office of Admissions is well on its way to another record breaking year with overall applications for admission up by 11.4%. While already totaling 3,116 applications thus far, it is still premature to assess the regular decision applicant strength, whose deadline is not until Feb. 15. Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, predicts that over 4,000 students will apply to Muhlenberg for 550 spots in the Class of 2007. The caliber of the College is undoubtedly becoming more competitive: regular decision acceptance last year was 22.87%; early decision combined SAT scores experienced an 11 point net increase and Boston University, Cornell University and Penn State University are in the top 40 schools that repeatedly compete for Muhlenberg applicants. With the continued challenge of creating a more competitive admissions process, Hooker-Haring notes early decision as one of the best ways to dually accept students who increase the remarkable

94% retention rate at Muhlenberg, as well as create a more selective regular decision process.

Hooker-Haring is an advocate of the early decision process, rendering it "a student's only opportunity to express credible first-choice interest in a particular college," and a way for the college to enroll "enthusiastic, energetic students who may not have ordinarily been accepted." In fact, early decision often entitles an applicant a second and sometimes even a third look, as an extension of a certain reciprocity that the College extends as part of its responsible early decision program.

Unlike colleges that shortchange students who are committed to attend because of the early decision contract, Muhlenberg guarantees to meet the need of the early decision applicant and "if the money doesn't work out, [the College] releases students from their commitment," Hooker-Haring said. In fact, the College provides accepted early decision students with an early financial aid package before requiring the enrollment deposit, and students who apply early decision have the advantage of "getting

the first crack" at the funds available for financial aid. According to Hooker-Haring, early decision is a win-win process.

Yet, Hooker-Haring admits that the process does have imperfections, is widely criticized and is not for everyone.

Opposers of early decision, which Hooker-Haring suggests is mostly the popular media, portray the process as too stressful and pressured for high school seniors and classifies the contract as a way for colleges to take advantage of students.

Also, Hooker-Haring admits to sacrificing the selectivity in early decision and raising the bar for regular decision; 57% of the total enrollment is comprised of early decision applicants.

The question remains, therefore, whether the process allows a fair balance between seemingly lower-caliber students and very selective candidates, and whether the College is really as competitive as the



Stacks of applications must to be processed by the Admissions Processing Center for early decision candidates and regular decision candidates.

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numbers portray. Also, despite the praise of the College's early decision process, numbers are down 16.4% after nearly a decade of record breaking applications.

The decrease in early decision applicants is attributed to a national trend, explains Hooker-Haring, due primarily to negative media exposure. Ivy league institutions and the other

top 2% of colleges have not been affected by the apparent early decision opposition and in fact continue to see an increase in their early decision applicants.

Although the College has experienced a decrease in early decision applicants, it is one of 250 colleges nationwide that is able to attract enough early decision applicants to even spark the debate.

Dretsches to return to teaching

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thought was best," said Tighe.

Baar also noted the advantage of Dretsches returning to teaching in the Theatre department. "He is an exquisite talent when it comes to set designing. For students to have an opportunity to work with him, I'm very glad for that. But it is sad that he is leaving the Dean's office. He made a contribution there, too," she said.

"He was with the theatre department for almost 15 years. We're going to welcome him back. He is a very talented artist. His roots are very deep within the Theatre department," said Richter.

Dretsches began his career at the College in the Drama program in 1979, and along

with Richter, has been credited with building the current nationally recognized Theatre and Dance department at the College. Dretsches served as designer and technical director in the Theatre Arts department.

In 1993, he was named Dean of the College for Academic Life where he could oversee academic records, advising and the Trexler Library. He was named Dean of the College for Faculty in 1996 and Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1999. Dretsches has also contributed to the planning and designs for Haas College Center, the Ettinger Building, the General's Quarters, the Trexler Pavilion, Moyer Hall and Robertson and South Halls.

While Dretsches appreciated being a Dean at the College, he is looking forward

to returning to teaching. "As much as I've enjoyed the opportunity to work with students and be an advocate for students at this level, the kind of relationship you can have with students as a teacher is different, and I want that back," said Dretsches. "I believe there is an innate goodness to the [College]. It's nice to be in a significant position to encourage it."

"We are deeply indebted to [Dretsches] for his many and varied contributions to the College. I am pleased that he will bring his considerable talents back to our Theatre department," said James Steffy, Interim President.

"Whatever decisions he made, he made after careful thought and in the best interests of [the College]," said Baar.

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RE PLACE furniture for your dorm

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Moving back on campus may be the perfect time to redecorate for students. By shopping at the RE PLACE, a recycling and retail center where used or surplus items

are recycled, refurbished and resold, individuals help to renew the environment and employ people with disabilities.

The RE PLACE sells a wide variety of items, including appliances, windows, doors, office supplies, desks, beds, chairs, wallpa-

per, exercise equipment and building materials.

Small houseware items and clothing are not sold at the RE PLACE but are donated to local thrift stores if received from donors.

"We take donations as long as the items do not require extensive repairs," said Bob Mikovitch, Warehouse Supervisor.

The RE PLACE employs individuals with disabilities through the Good Shepherd rehabilitation organization.

Clients of Good Shepherd Work Services division and juveniles and adults with the Lehigh County Probation Department obtain job training and employment in various positions ranging from customer service representative to technician.

They fix donations requiring repairs in the RE PLACE shop and test electronics and other items before putting them on the sales floor.

"Good Shepherd Work



Recycled couches line the RE PLACE shop for sale.

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The RE PLACE shop offers a variety of unique items including this antique vending machine.

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Services division employs about 750 people a year with disabilities including those having psychiatric, developmental and physical disabilities," said Carol Jones, Good Shepherd's Vice President of Work Services.

The RE PLACE is a non-profit organization and only makes enough money to pay for the space needed to house the company and to pay its employees.

Currently, there are nineteen full-time employees working at the RE PLACE in addition to another nine clients from Good Shepherd and four full-time staff from Good Shepherd.

"Ideally, we would like to have 35 full time employees in the future," said David Kormanik, Good Shepherd's Director of Special Projects.

Working on disability, merchandise supervisor Rex Lichtenberger works twenty-eight hours a week and donates the rest of the time he works.

"I have been working at the RE PLACE since it began," said Lichtenberger. "I enjoy volunteering the time and absolutely love working along side individuals with disabilities."

In opening the RE PLACE, Good Shepherd and its partners, the County of Lehigh and City of Allentown, aim not only to provide great deals but also to reduce materials entering landfills.

Numerous studies indicate that reusable goods

constitute five percent of landfill material.

"Since we've opened, we have diverted over 400 tons of material from landfills," said Kelly Spiece, Good Shepherd's Publicist and Communications Assistant.

The RE PLACE owns two trucks that are used to pick up donations and deliver sold items.

The company has even traveled as far as Baltimore to receive a donation in order to prevent perfectly usable items from being dumped into landfills.

"Part of the fun of this job is that you never know what you're going to get on any given day," said Mikovitch.

Easy and creative home projects can be accomplished with materials from the RE PLACE as well.

Some ideas that have already been seen at the store include lamps made out of shutters, a piano bench made into a garden bench with room for gardening tools and smashed china made into furniture with mosaic designs.

"We are hoping to have a recycled arts contest in the future," said Jones. "This would give people in the community an idea of things that can be made with items from the RE PLACE."

Good Shepherd accepts donations of items with minimal repair requirements, and more information can be obtained at the Seegers Union Information Desk.

Donations help fight cancer

By ALICE MCGRAIL
Weekly News Writer

After a successful dance to raise money, students of the College presented three checks of \$900 to cancer fighting organizations of the Lehigh Valley.

The Dance for a Cure, which was held in the Garden Room during the Fall 2002 semester, brought six hundred attending students together and raised \$2700 for the three cancer fighting organizations: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Women's 5K Classic and the YMCA Encore.

Amanda Kokie '04, head coordinator and event planner for the fundraiser, worked

with a student committee consisting of Amanda Scratchard '04, Lesley Bruno '03, Sarina Ahuja '03 and Diana Bharucha '03 to raise the funds. Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service, also helped the students plan and implement the event.

On Jan. 16, Kokie presented the three checks to the organizations. Representatives from the YMCA Encore Program, which is a support system for cancer survivors, the Leukemia and Lymphoma society and the Women's 5K Classic, which supports women's cancer programs, attended the ceremony to receive the checks. Before presenting the checks, Amanda explained how she used Orientation 2002's theme of "Building a Community" as one of the bases for the project.

She spoke on her desire to give back to the Lehigh Valley Community.

She chose the organizations to receive the money based on the fact that the money raised would stay in the Lehigh Valley and benefit local residents.

Claire Reitz, a leukemia survivor and kindergarten student in Allentown, described how she is helping raise money: "I stuffed envelopes... I licked stamps, I drew pictures."

"This is the most money ever raised by college students for a donation," said Wendy Rothrock of the Women's 5K classic. The event brought together the campus community in order to help the surrounding community.



Amanda Kokie '04 explains the Dance for a Cure to a representative from one of the receiving organizations.

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Going abroad and returning home

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

With the start of a new semester, and many students packing to leave or unpacking after coming back to campus for the first time since last year, the College is in the midst of both tearful goodbyes and exciting reunions.

The Study Abroad program has become a popular opportunity for students of the College.

Approximately sixty-five

students returned to campus this semester, with about sixty-five now leaving to study abroad during the spring semester. Students who have chosen to go abroad can opt to study in many different areas of the world, and so, the academic requirements differ depending upon the university with which the students choose to enroll.

Sara Schmidtchen '04 is one of the students studying abroad this semester. While she has not yet left, she will soon be attending the

University of Limerick in Ireland.

"I chose to go to Ireland because I am part Irish, I want to travel to many different places in Europe, I didn't want a language barrier, and also, as an English major/Music minor I am told that the Irish truly respect people involved in the arts," Schmidtchen commented.

Accustomed to Muhlenberg's small campus community, Schmidtchen claims her only worries lie in the fact that the University of Limerick has five times the student body population.

On the other hand, Deena Cohen '04 is one of the students returning to campus this semester from her time abroad. Cohen, who studied at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, claims that her experience has made her a much more "independent, adventurous and confident" person.

"I chose to study in

Australia because I heard about how beautiful the country is and how much fun it is to study abroad there," she commented. Charissa Bacsik '04 is yet another student of the College returning home from abroad.

Bacsik studied at Boston University in London, England, and she took several classes in marketing, advertising, public relations and London architecture and urbanism.

Bacsik offered some advice to those students planning to study abroad: "Appreciate your time overseas because it will go fast. Prior to departure, think about what you wish to accomplish while abroad so that you don't come home with any regrets."

And to those not sure of whether they want to go abroad, Bacsik says, "My advice to students who are unsure whether or not to study abroad — do it! Why sit in a classroom and read about historic cities in textbooks when you can walk on the cobblestone yourself?"

Several students of the

College also recently returned to campus from the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands.

Among them were Juniors Amanda Ibey and Kieran Southwick. Ibey said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to travel and see a lot of different places." Southwick agreed and also commented that "the most valuable part is the new people you will meet." Certainly, the opportunity to travel and meet new people were just some of the many reasons why students of the College enjoyed their time abroad.

Those students returning are full of exciting stories about their experiences abroad in new and foreign lands.

Many students struggle with the decision to stay on campus or take a semester or two abroad, but those returning this semester all seem to be certain they made the right decision.

"As I reminisce about my semester in London, I wonder why I hesitated to take advantage of this opportunity," commented Bacsik.

OFF CAMPUS

Sellersville - A man who was involved in an organization that sold large quantities of methamphetamine has been sentenced before a Lehigh County judge to five to 10 years in state prison. Scott Heffentrayer and his estranged wife were both charged. The state attorney general's office, which used wiretaps, undercover work and confidential informants, said the organization handled more than 100 pounds of the drug. Heffentrayer, 44, had pleaded guilty to corrupt organizations, conspiracy and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and marijuana. In addition to the prison term, Heffentrayer was sentenced to 15 years of probation and fined \$30,000.

Lehigh Valley - LANTA Metro and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 956, which represents about 140 bus operators and mechanics, reached a contract agreement Sunday. The current operator's wage of \$16.64 will increase by about 7.5 percent over the term of the contract. The agreement provides for a 45-cents per hour raise now, a 40-cents per hour raise on Dec. 15, 2003, and a cost-of-living raise in 2004. The last raise cannot exceed 40 cents per hour, said LANTA Executive Director Armand Greco. As part of the contract, employees will switch from Blue Cross PPO to Blue Cross PPO Plus, pay higher co-payments and have a larger deductible for prescription drug plans.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
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APD busts fraternity

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joint effort of APD and Campus Safety that night was not part of the recent joint effort between the two organizations that was erected last semester to bring more peace to the neighborhood during weekends.

Lupole stated that there were officers of the College patrolling in the area at the time; however, the incident began with the APD officer responding to the student urinating.

Once entering the house, APD established that there were "approximately one hundred persons in the house," stated Cole.

Those one hundred people found in the house were concentrated "mostly in the basement," according to Cole. Because of the small space in which the majority of the party was occupying, it became clear to officers that it was "a hazardous situation in case of fire," stated Cole.

After identifying the individuals at the party, APD issued 25 citations to students of the college as well as four citations to non-students for their participation in underage drinking.

Cole later explained that the difference between a citation and an arrest at the scene, is that the citation "could be equated with a traffic ticket." He further stated that it is "an arrest but it is issued at the

scene."

The 25 students arrested for underage drinking were Nick Preneta '04, Danielle Polifroni '04, Ronald Meinders '05, Dana Schwarzwald '04, Julie Villegas '05, Brian Wiatrak '05, Daniel McCall '06, David Wiswell '06, Tara Vonroth '06, Jon Boutsikakis '04, Nichole Fotiades '05, Ann-Marie Leiser '06, Justin Henning '04, Jennifer Arrow '05, Christopher Walach '06, Joshua Boyer '04, Mary Henning '04, Frederick Triano '04, Jennifer Levy '06, Sara Horvat '05, Bradely Levitt '04, William Atallah '06, Benjamin Sacks '04, Frank Sanitini '04 and Michael Lazar '05.

In addition to the underage drinking citation issued to Lazar, he was also issued a citation for being drunk and disorderly at the scene.

The four students who were issued citations were guests of students of the College and were Julia Lavere, Christine O'Conner, Elizabeth Spenn and Stephanie Iannilla.

Cole stated that during the incident, "we had the option of issuing Misdemeanor charges," however, it was seen by officers on the scene that it was not necessary considering the severity in the actual number of people guilty of underage drinking.

Due to the magnitude of the occurrence and the College's firm hand in the fight against underage drinking, fraternity

members will "end up having Judicial board hearings and could be fined. However I don't think it will happen," stated Lupole.

If the APD had issued Misdemeanor charges against the underage drinkers, there would have been a \$1,000 fine for every underage drinker in the house that night. When asked whether the fraternity would have been fined, Cole stated, "possibly if we had gone with higher charges and not citations."

Brad Levitt '04, former president of Alpha Epsilon Pi until the recent incident occurred, stated, "The cops came in and all they really did was stop the kids from drinking for one night." He said, "It was a safe party, one which was close to where everyone lived." Levitt resigned from his position as president of Alpha Epsilon Pi along with other position holding members of the fraternity after the incident last Friday night.

Levitt further stated that "Allentown Police should be concerning themselves more with DUI's where there is a real threat from drinking."

Commenting on the recent occurrence at Alpha Epsilon Pi and past incidents involving underage drinking, Cole stated that "the neighborhood needs peace." Cole explained that what he really wants is for "the parties to be conducted responsibly."

Students come and go through transfer process

BY JILLIAN FRANZEN
Weekly News Writer

Winter break has come to an end, and a few new faces have joined the College Community for the second half of the year. The Spring 2003 semester brought in only three transfer students due to the very limited amount of space available. The process of transferring is always on a space-available basis, and due to the large number of students returning from study abroad last semester, the College Community does not have the ability to accept any more students.

The transfer process is highly selective due to the space limitations, making it more difficult to apply than in the beginning of the year. Transferring involves completion of the regular application that every first-year student fills out, along with a required interview.

The interview allows the College to find out why the student's previous situation did not work out, and why the student feels that the College would be a better place for him or her. In the transfer process, the College usually accepts between three and seven new students at mid-year, depending on space availability. In the fall, the numbers are a little higher, ranging from six to ten new students. Overall, the transfer process is much tougher than the usual application process.

Matt Tobia '06 passed this very selective process, and joined the College Community from St. Mary's in Maryland this semester. He felt that the school was too small for him and did not have enough to do.

Matt had looked at Muhlenberg before and already had some friends that attended, so he decided to try to transfer. He did not find it too difficult to apply for transfer, but said there was quite a lot of paperwork. Currently, he is enjoying being one of only three new students at the College for the spring semester.

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 1 - Theft - A purse was stolen from a faculty office in Shankweiler Hall.

Jan. 2 - Theft - A two-karat diamond ring was stolen in Moyer Hall.

Jan. 3 - Theft - A CD player was stolen from a vehicle parked on 22nd St.

Jan. 3 - Unsecured property - Unsecured property was found on North 23rd Street.

Jan. 7 - Theft - A payroll check was stolen and forged.

Jan. 7 - Unsecured Property - Property was found unsecured on 2206 Chew St.

Jan. 7 - Vandalism - Three spruce trees were found cut down outside of

Benfer Hall.

Jan. 8 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was triggered at Sigma Pi Epsilon.

Jan. 9 - Harassment - Three phone calls were made to Campus Safety that involved sexual nature.

Jan. 10 - Trashing - Trash was found in a number of counters and stoves in Robertson Hall.

Jan. 10 - Vandalism - A road sign was found located on the road behind South and Robertson Halls.

Jan. 10 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was triggered in Benfer Hall because of cooking.

Jan. 12 - Theft - A parking sticker was stolen from a vehicle in the Martin Luther

parking lot.

Jan. 12 - Burst Water Pipe - A burst water pipe was reported at 2147 Chew Street.

Jan. 13 - Arrest - Michael Rogoff '04 of East Hall was arrested for unpaid traffic citations.

Jan. 13 - Theft - There was a report of a theft in the bookstore. The situation is under investigation.

Jan. 14 - Alcohol Violation - One student was found with alcohol and was referred to the Judicial Board.

Jan. 14 - Disorderly Conduct - Three students were referred to the Judicial Board.

Jan. 14 - Sick Student - A

sick student was helped in East Hall.

Jan. 15 - Vehicle Accident - A vehicle was involved in an accident in the front circle when a sign was hit.

Jan. 16 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was reported on Albright Street due to food burning on the stove.

Jan. 17 - DUI - Adam Montgomery '04 of Martin Luther Hall was arrested by APD on 23rd and Chew Street.

Jan. 18 - Controlled Substance Violation - A student of East Hall was found in possession of a small amount of marijuana and paraphernalia. The student was referred to the Judicial Board.

Jan. 18 - Underage Drinking - 29 people were issued citations for underage drinking at Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Jan. 18 - Vandalism - A paper towel rack and thermometer were found destroyed in the Seegers Union men's room.

Jan. 18 - Vandalism - A window was found kicked out in East C Hall.

Jan. 18 - Suspicious Activity - Joshua A. Wilson, a non-student, and Jason Zsilavec were charged with a DUI and public drunkenness. Both individuals were from Bethlehem, Pa.

Jan. 21 - Vandalism - An exit sign in Benfer hall was shattered into a copious amount of pieces and found

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Life!**"Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get."****-from *Forrest Gump*****Question of the Week:****What's your favorite winter accessory?****"Long johns."****-Adam Cohen '06****"I love my hats and mittens."****-Chelsea Gomez '05****"A warm cup of coffee."****-Oliver Burkat '06****"A cute guy to put his arm around me."****-Jill Pavlov '06**

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**Classical beauty:
The Chamber Orchestra visits the 'Berg****Members of the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra socialize after performing concerts in the Valley.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF LVCO

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

Classical strains reverberated through the halls of the Baker Center for the Arts as the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra (LVCO) made an appearance at the College. The Empie Theater was packed with faithful patrons of the LVCO, students and others who wanted to enjoy the program. The performance included pieces by the

composers Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky and Mozart. The group gave performances on Jan. 17 and 18, and was originally slated to showcase husband-and-wife duo Andy Simionescu and Pamela Frank. Due to an injury, Ms. Frank was unable to attend. The featured soloists were Mr. Simionescu on violin and world-renowned pianist Christopher O'Riley.

The opening Vivaldi

selections were "Autumn" and "Winter" from "The Four Seasons," opus 8. The Orchestra performed with great attention to the proper tempos and dynamics necessary to convey the intended tone for

each of the seasons. These pieces featured the violin solos, and Mr. Simionescu masterfully played the rapid and complicated parts of the compositions. The Vivaldi pieces were heavily dependent upon the violin solo and seemed to leave the talented orchestra without a chance to show all of its skills at the beginning of the program. Thus, the selection for the opening piece

*Continued on page 12***Lehigh Valley colleges make musical rendezvous at Muhlenberg****BY RACHEL SCHATZ**
Life! Editor

For the first time in four years, the College hosted the Lehigh Valley Intercollegiate Wind Ensemble this past Sunday. Forty-six talented undergraduate music students from Kutztown, Lehigh, Moravian, and Muhlenberg congregated for an afternoon of smooth and booming music conducted by maestros from all three institutions. After only one full-ensemble eight-hour practice, and despite minor yet noticeable discontinuity

in some pieces' melodies, the players filled the Empie Theater with bellowing and upbeat music enhanced by both conventional and emphatic conducting.

The concert opened with a dynamic piece, "Festive Overture opus 96," conducted by guest musician James Steffy. This was the first time Steffy has exhibited his invested interest in music since his selection as Muhlenberg's interim president. The song was full of swooping ascending and descending scales accented by delicate woodwind parts and full brass lines. The

melodies often sounded like the dramatic music from blockbuster movies, like *Willy Wonka* meets *Independence Day*. Each player in a wind ensemble has a unique part, and in this piece, each player's part was distinct and audible. Steffy's metered and contained style complemented the accented flute and clarinet duets and the crescendo that ended the piece.

Conductor James Barnes of Moravian College described the concert's second piece, entitled "The

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These four walls: Students <3 AIM, lol

BY JESSICA GREENBLAT
Weekly Staff Writer

AOL Instant Messenger, popularly anagrammed AIM, is a computer feature with which college students are familiar. It is an innovative creation that allows someone in Alaska to "talk" to someone in China at the mere cost of an Internet connection. "IMing," as it is informally called, makes it easy for shy people to let their desirous Mr. Hydes take over their reserved Dr. Jekylls. They feel safe hiding behind a computer screen where they never have to open their mouths to speak. After typing out a message in the IM box, the user can pause to contemplate what was just written and decide whether or not to send the message across the wires to a recipient.

In nanoseconds, the receiver reads the message and responds. For hours at a time, friends talk without having to worry about the a phone bill.

IMing is useful for "breaking the ice" between prospective couples, as well as friends. There are no awkward pauses in conversation because a response may take time since not everyone types as fast as a stenographer. People who stutter on the phone can relax and let the person to whom they talk get to know

them for who they are. Users could even impress others by using a thesaurus or looking up facts on the web before responding.

Though AIM epitomizes the technological times in which we live, there are downfalls to the AIM college insurgency. When was the last time you called your friends instead of IMing them? Do you still write letters to pen-pals, or do

your feet" and easier to reflect, type thoughts and then change them a few times before having anyone know what you have to say.

IMing instead of phoning is a drawback to AIM, but there are worse shortcomings. Roommates IM each other instead of turning around in their chairs to talk face-to-face. In some classrooms, students IM friends instead of listening

to the professor's lecture. Friends also trick each other by going online on someone else's computer and talk to people on their friend's buddy list pretending to be their friend.

IMing has become a college



AOL Instant Messenger is extremely addicting.

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you wait until you see them online? At one time kids got excited for what is now called "snail mail," but now an AIM box telling them one of their friends has begun an AIM conversation has replaced the anticipation of letters in envelopes.

Students may forget how to communicate the old-fashioned way and are consequently losing valuable social skills. In the real world, it is getting more challenging to "think on

pastime and obsession that causes chaos in the classroom. Students inhabit computer terminals glued to the screens. They are afraid to look away long enough to peer out the window at Muhlenberg for fear they will miss something vital a friend just typed. Maybe it is time for young adults to turn off the computer, fine-tune their audible voices, and ignore the addictive digital doors of AIM's customized sounds.

Catch this movie if you can

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

In the midst of the super-graphic *Lord of the Rings* installment, dramatic *About Schmidt*, and silly *The Hot Chick*, one movie has emerged as extremely original with an edge-of-your-seat plot. *Catch Me if You Can* is everything its trailer said it is, "The true story of a real fake." Leonardo DiCaprio, who has been featured in such movies as *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* and *Titanic*, plays Frank Abignale, Jr. Frank is just a regular high school student who grows to become one of the world's most elusive check forgers. The story is mainly about the search for Frank led by FBI agent Carl Hanratty who is played by Tom Hanks. DiCaprio continuously baits Hanks throughout the film; the slippery crook always keeps just one or two steps ahead of the aging investigator.

The audience is continuously kept on the edge of its seat as DiCaprio's character sneaks away and moves on to fool other people. Not only is he able to keep the FBI chasing him and guessing for several years on his whereabouts and methods, but he does so without even finishing high school. He is only a teenager, and his fantastic feats are nothing short of amazing. At only fifteen years old, DiCaprio's character poses as an airplane pilot, a doctor and a lawyer whose future father-in-law is played by Martin Sheen. Throughout the course of

his professional endeavors Abignale, Jr., makes over two million dollars. Audience members can't help but ask how this boy was able to get away with so much. That question can be answered with a simple quote from the movie, "You know why the Yankees win ballgames? It's because the other teams can't keep their eyes off the stripes." Without ever even getting to college, Frank Abignale, Jr., makes you wonder why you're spending thirty-thousand dollars per year at college when you could make millions of dollars a year being a crook.

What makes this movie great, however, is not the actors or the plot's direction. It is the simple fact that the entire plot is based on a true story. All the characters in the movie are real, and a good percentage of the events actually took place. The real Frank Abignale, Jr., was on call on the movie set, and he was used as a reference when making the film.

Since giving up his days of scamming both the United States and French government, he has gone on to become one of the leading authorities in check forgery and has helped the FBI in any number of cases revolving around the matter. Even better was that the screenplay kept to the actual story part without taking too many artistic liberties. Sometimes fact is truly stranger than fiction, and this story proves this paradox.

Intercollegiate band pulses on Empie's stage

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Bells of Saint Brides," as neo-classical yet "re-worked with contemporary harmony and rhythm." The piece began ominously, yet its tempo picked up briefly in the middle of the song. Barnes' conducting style, like Steffy's, was collected and conventional, and somewhat detached from the ensemble. The piece overall was less substantive and didn't have as full a sound as the opening song. In general, the piece was well-played, yet during some staccato interludes the trumpets were briefly out of sync.

The third conductor of the evening, adjunct professor of music at Muhlenberg and Lehigh Albert Neumeyer, added interactive and visual elements to the thus-far only audible concert. He eloquently addressed the audience before conducting. He expressed his great appreciation for all the ensemble's hard work. After flashing a personable smile to the audience, Neumeyer approached the score, rose his arms high and wide as if he was embracing the ensemble, and whipped the baton to signal the piece's first note. Right from the beginning of the song, the

band's sound was tight and clear in its head-bopping and "grab your pitchfork" melodies. When the song was soft and slow, Neumeyer swayed as though he was waltzing. When the song was tense, he flexed his muscles and convulsed as if he urged and pushed the ensemble to its fullest potential. His style obviously influenced the band's performance, allowing it to sound more tweaked and polished than in previous pieces.

The concert's remaining two pieces of "Danceries" (broken up into three movements each with their own distinct tone) and "Loch

Ness, A Scottish Fantasy," conducted by Willis Rapp of Kutztown and David Diggs of Lehigh, respectively, contained prominent booming brass and strong percussion dynamics. During the songs' staccato parts some of the band's sections appeared to find difficulty in playing some of the very short notes together like in the concert's second piece, yet this phenomena may be due to lack of minimal full-ensemble rehearsal or differences in conductors. Although the ensemble played beautiful and dynamic crescendo's and decrescendos, these pieces in particular weren't as tight

as the opening and third songs.

As a finale, the ensemble presented the patriotic anthem "America, the Beautiful" with encore conducting by the concert's most attentive conductor, Albert Neumeyer. The song was both lullaby-like and intense, and the ensemble finished competently and emphatically. Each of the four Lehigh Valley colleges cultivates its own talented musicians and conductors, and when all these entities combine, the intercollegiate group produces emotional music that, for the most part, is clear, sharp and powerful.

The first of a very long series: The Charcoal Drive-In: Mediocre in every way

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

While Allentown, with its lack of a decent nightlife, may not be the most happening city for the college experience, the city is still teeming with places where any student can satisfy at least one primary need: hunger. Allentown diners offer service at rare times of the day, including during hours long after G.Q. has shut down for the night. With so many diners, however, it is likely that all diners are not equal. In order to provide accurate information and recommendations about area diners, *The Weekly* has, and will be, investigating several 24-hour dining locations near the College. Each week a different diner will be reviewed, with this week's diner being the Charcoal Drive-In.

The Charcoal Drive-In is located in conjunction with the Wescosville Bieber Bus station at 4440 Hamilton Boulevard. Here customers drop by not just for a cup of coffee, but also to buy tickets to various destinations. The restaurant has a functional appearance, but can get crowded in the doorway due to travelers and diners paying at the same time. Rachel Schatz '04 described the décor as "very brown" and the lack of color is less than appealing. In terms of cleanliness, however, the Charcoal Grille is seemingly sanitary and the bathroom was described as "clean, cold, but not frigid," and without odor by Schatz. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, the overall cleanliness of the diner was rated as a 7.

The server was what one might call, a typical diner

waitress. She was fairly prompt, but had very little personality. She first delivered tea and coffee, which Dave Sobotkin '03 described as "pleasantly strong." The server was, however, slow to refill coffee and one always had to ask for more. She also did not serve water to everyone at the table, and when Schatz asked for a refill she never got it. On a scale of 1 to 10, the server received a 3 for her lack of speed and personality.

When it came time to order, it could be seen that Charcoal Drive-In offers traditional diner fare with everything from meatloaf to omelets on the menu. The food arrived fairly quickly after ordering, but the waitress forgot to bring mustard for a turkey sandwich. She did, however, return quickly with it, and, when not dry, the sandwich was actually quite good. The turkey slices were thick and flavorful, and the lettuce and

tomatoes were fresh. A small serving of coleslaw and a pickle came with the sandwich, and were both good. The coleslaw especially had a very tangy taste. A side of mashed potatoes, although instant, had a very creamy texture to them. On the scale, this meal rated about an 8.

Rachel Schatz and Matt Meyers '04 both ordered omelets. Schatz's was an egg white omelet with mushrooms, while Meyers' was a traditional omelet with cheese and mushrooms. The egg white omelet arrived looking as if it had been simply scraped off the floor and thrown on the plate, and received a 1 for presentation. As far as being edible, though, Schatz commented that it was "good, but it needed a gallon of pepper." She rated it a 7 for taste. Meyers noted that his omelet was salty. Meyers rated his omelet as a 6.

Sobotkin ordered two eggs over easy with ham. The eggs arrived with "still

runny yokes, which is very important to the over easy," said Sobotkin; the whites, however, were runny as well, since "the egg as a whole was underdone." He rated his meal as a 6.

Jess Skrocki '03 ordered grilled cheese, which she described as good but "a bit squished." The cheese was flavorful, but in all it was nothing special. It came with coleslaw, and Skrocki also ordered French fries,

which she never received. When, at the end of the meal, the server was informed of the error, she was very apologetic and crossed the fries off of the

napkins were some rather pathetic looking fake flowers. The view out the windows is also just as pathetic, as one can see the busy road, Dorney Park, and what used to be the Tom Sawyer Diner.

As far as value, the diner is a decent deal. The entire meal came to about \$25, and \$5 per person is not too expensive for a dining experience. Each item cost about \$4 dollars. The grilled cheese cost just \$3.25, and the omelettes were \$4.35 each. The two eggs cost \$3.35, and the turkey sandwich came to \$3.75. The extras, such as drinks, added up to the total cost.

As a side note, what would the diner experience be without a hamburger on the menu? A cheeseburger at the Charcoal Drive-In costs just \$2.60, but, on another trip to the diner, arrived at the table without lettuce and tomato. It did, however, contain generous amounts of meat and was not overdone. It ranked a 7 on the scale.

For customers' convenience, an ATM is located



The Charcoal Drive-In, in conjunction with the Wescosville Bieber Bus terminal, is located on Hamilton Boulevard. The diner serves a variety of decent food at a good value.

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The waitstaff is not very potent in personality, but the coffee is pleasantly strong.

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The Charcoal Drive-In is very brown and dull in appearance, but fairly clean. Though nothing special, there is also nothing especially bad about it.

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bill. Skrocki rated her meal as a 6.

Also served with the various breakfast meals was a large saucer with buttered toast and various jams scattered in it. The Charcoal Drive-In serves popular brands such as Smucker's jelly and Heinz ketchup. Napkins were also on the table, but Meyers grimaced at this saying "I hate the crappy little napkins because they serve no purpose." Next to the very small, and non-absorbent,

within the diner.

All in all, the Charcoal Drive-In provides mediocre food and service at a good price. So if you don't mind personality void waitstaff, asking again for those French fries, and the constant flow of buses through Bieber station, give it a try. If nothing else, it's a conversation provoking atmosphere, and the toast is pretty good too.

Overall rating for service, cleanliness, and taste: **6.25.**

horoscopes

Compiled by Mama Schatz and Miss Philli D'Vine

Aries

You're having a hard time adjusting to your new classes, especially the one where the professor is giving you strange glances. Don't worry; whether these admiring looks are out of lust or loathing, your professor will be grading solely on your effort in class.

Taurus

Wethinks it's time for you to go on a little shopping trip. You need to renovate your wardrobe, and you need to do it quickly. Sorry, but those sweat-stained tshirts and ratty underpants aren't going to attract your beloved for a rendezvous this weekend. Be prepared and take a trip to McArthur Rd.

Gemini

It's quite boring 'round these parts, and you seem to be quite antsy. Don't wait around to have something fun come your way. If you see a fine young lad or lady ask them out! And don't just take them to the typical

Thursday night hangout either. Try dinner and a movie. Works like a charm.

Cancer

You're not feeling that hot this week, but don't worry, help is just around the corner, and we don't mean the Health Center. They'll just provide you with lots of salt and Blistex. What you need is some lovin'.

Leo

You think you might be frozen solid from the subzero temperatures outside. Ask them to help thaw you out. Grrr...

Virgo

Stay out of the bathroom on Saturday and Sunday. If you absolutely must go in, and we know you'll have to, do it with the lights off or you'll never want to go in there again. Those party animals on your floor will make it a most unpleasant experience.

Libra

You're going to want to spend lots of time on Academic Row this week. Bundle up, brave the cold, and park yourself in front of Haas. You'll be pleasantly surprised, especially as the tours go by.

Scorpio

An acquaintance will approach you with a tempting offer. Before you make any decisions, consider your past history with this person. Decide whether their motives are for your best interest or their own.

Sagittarius

That new sexual interest of yours will never ever like you. Ever. So give up. Just do it. You're wasting your time. Sever ALL ties.

Capricorn

You need to stop saying "your mom" as the answer to every question. It's not funny; you're getting obnoxious, and your friends hate you already. Who's the most annoyed? Your mom.

Aquarius

Are you afraid of an online stalker? Well you set yourself up for disaster when you posted all of your information on Jdate.com. Seriously, who puts their room, cell and home number on their profile? You're inviting trouble. Crazy foo'.

Pisces

Sex. You find yourself obsessed with every aspect of it. That's fine, but you don't want your mother to come visit you while pornographic videos are playing on your computer. Try to find a new hobby, like sheep farming. Or writing poetry. Anything really... Even homework would be good.

More than you think you are:
It's not "Smooth," but it's worth
a listen

By EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

During jazz's heyday, bands didn't use numbers in their monikers unless it was to signify the amount of members in their group. Unfortunately, the glory days of jazz are long passed, and current bands do not always follow this same trend. Matchbox Twenty is not literally a group of twenty musicians taking part in one project. Although, one might wonder what they'd sound like if this were in fact the case.

On *More Than You Think You Are*, the follow up to 2000's quadruple platinum *Mad Season*, the collective has penned twelve new tracks that mimic bands ranging from Foreigner to early INXS. Remember when Rob Thomas collaborated with Santana and the song won a plethora of Grammys even though it grew old really, really quickly? Thank goodness this song is not on the new album, but this album does have collaborations with Willie Nelson and Mick Jagger, neither of which comes close to sounding as radio friendly as the

Santana song. The style of production gives the band room to experiment with aspects of gospel music and country rock without burying the songs under layers of guitars, a bad habit the band has relied upon on previous albums.

To sum up the sound of the album in one sentence, the songs are straightforward arena-rockers with catchy hooks and lyrics sure to show up in high school yearbooks and away messages across the country. In fact, the CD's liner notes are filled with the kitschiest one-liners from each song. There's everything from "Something is wrong with the sum of us" from "Could I Be You," to "Be my savior and I'll be your downfall" from the aptly titled "Downfall." *More Than You Think You Are* deserves praise for being a slight step in a new direction for the band, but Matchbox's usually radio-friendly albums might not be music to the ears of listeners in search of more unique sounding artists. Overall, Matchbox Twenty tweaks their trite sound slightly, but the band still reverberates as mainstream.

Melodies of the LVCO

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not ideal for incorporating the tones and parts of the entire orchestra.

The LVCO continued with "Serenade for Strings in C Major, opus 48," by Tchaikovsky, "Concerto no. 27 in B-flat Major for Piano" and "Orchestra, K. 595," by Mozart, in more flowing and wistful manner that contrasted the staccato and rapid sounds of Vivaldi. Again, the orchestra executed the pieces with great expertise and unison under their long-time conductor Donald Spieth. The Mozart selection was delightful with more woodwind and brass instrument parts added to its all-strings orchestra.

These pieces also allowed pianist O'Riley to exhibit his extraordinary abilities. O'Riley was so engrossed in his music that it could have

been very easy to imagine what Mozart might have looked like playing those same notes.

However, one detail that proved to be a little bothersome was the placement of the piano on the stage. Clearly, this is not an easy instrument to maneuver around, but during the Mozart piece the piano was positioned directly in front of the conductor and a few front musicians. Perhaps it could have been situated more off-center so as not to block the audience's view of the orchestra.

As a whole, this was a charming performance of some brilliant classical composers. The Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra plays at the College often, and it is very obvious why. With only a few logistical issues, this program went off well and showed the capabilities of the Lehigh Valley

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Small College Scholar-Athlete Team named

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Muhlenberg Senior basketball players Raushan Person, and Randi Baran, were recently named to the 2003 Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball Scholar-Athlete Team last week.

Baran was honored last week at the second Lehigh Valley College Basketball Media Organization luncheon of the season.

The Scholar-Athlete Team consists of one player who excels both in the classroom and on the court.

These athletes are chosen from each of the seven schools in the Organization.

An Art major and Women's Studies minor, Baran has been the Mules' starting point guard since the middle of her sophomore season.

She is averaging 7.6 points per game this year with a team-leading 31 assists.

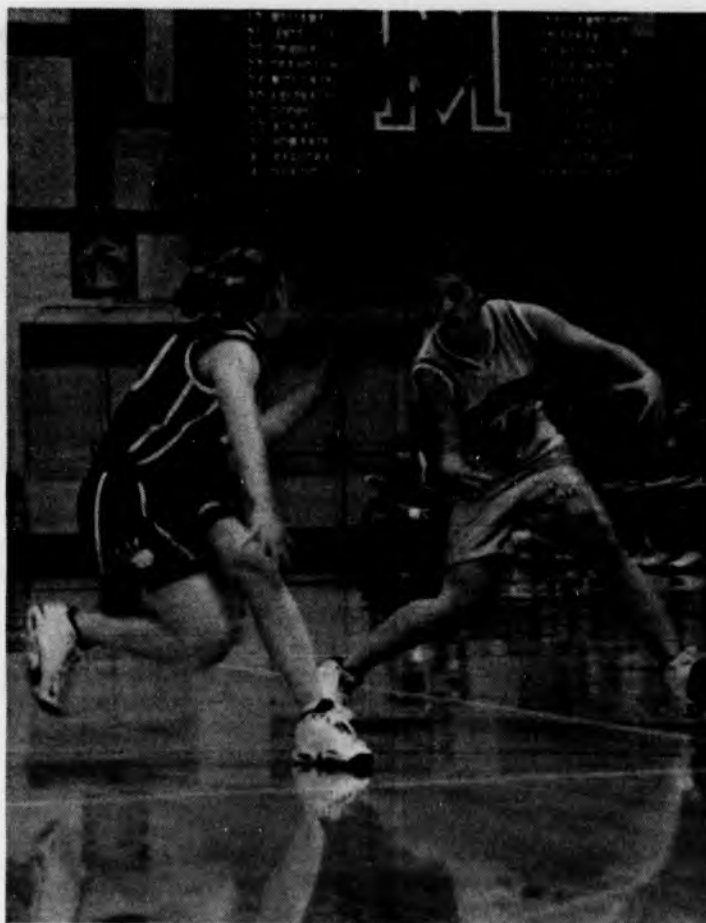
Raushan Person also received these honors at a luncheon that he attended with Baran.

A communication major, Person is a key reserve shooting guard who is averaging 3.4 points in a total of eight games this season so far.

All nine of his baskets have come from the three-point range, including a three for a career-high nine points in a 74-71 win at King's College in December.

Person also was a receiver on the Centennial Conference-champion Mule football team in the fall.

Baran and Person will both be competing against Swarthmore College this weekend.



Senior Randi Baran files by an opponent.

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Cheer Team goes to Nationals

Mules come home from Orlando with 9th

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

As they say, practice makes perfect. That is exactly what the Muhlenberg cheerleaders have proven with their acceptance bid to the AmeriCheer Nationals over the winter break.

In order to go to Nationals, the cheerleaders were required to submit a video entry, featuring an original routine. Through this video the cheerleaders conveyed their contagious school spirit and intense work ethic.

The competition was held in Orlando, Fla. at the Disney Wide World of Sports, and the squad was placed in the Division II small school co-ed category.

After presenting a flawless routine, featuring both dancing and

Cheer Team, the Mules returned with a ninth place award.

This was the first time Muhlenberg has ever competed in national competition, and captains Juniors Laura Price and Jennifer Healy led their team to achieve a ninth place finish.

Sophomore Lauren Cohen replied, "It was amazing to simply be there. We competed hard and did a great job; I couldn't be happier." The Mules look forward to making the trip to Nationals a trend in the future. "It sets a precedent for next year," Cohen said. "The experience of going to Nationals is something I plan on doing again in upcoming years."

The cheerleaders will be performing for their Muhlenberg audience at all home men's basketball games and at women's play-off games.



The Muhlenberg Cheerleaders are full of excitement after Nationals.

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Mules defeated by Fords in a close contest

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

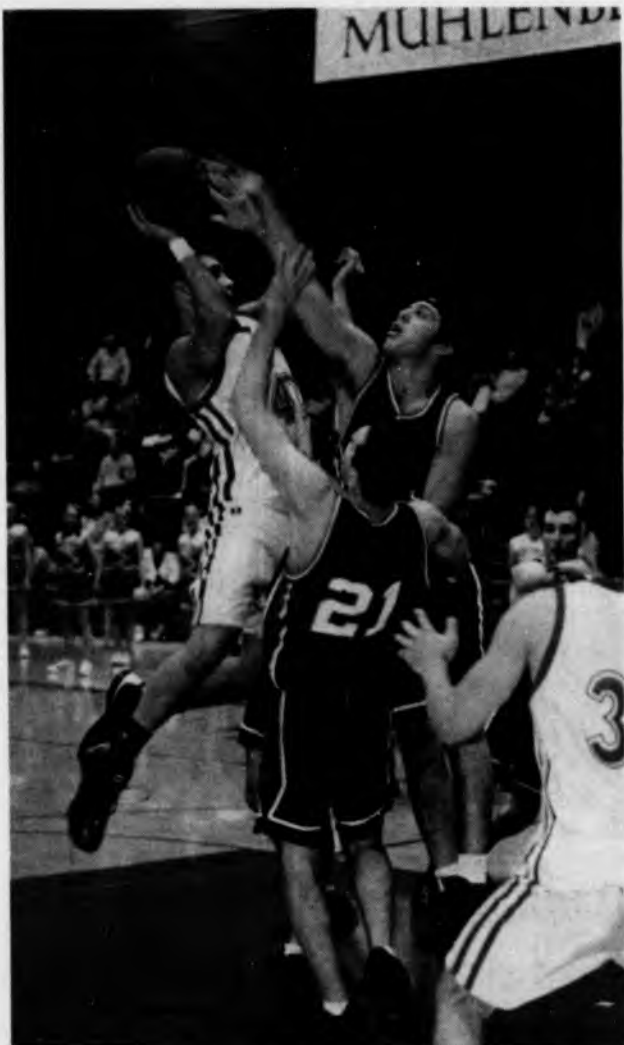
The Mules (6-7, 0-3) lost to Haverford on Saturday to fall to 0-3 in the Centennial Conference for the first time in the ten years of the league's existence.

Haverford (5-8, 2-2) shot 62.7 percent from the field for the game, including an incredible 20-for-28 in the second half, to come out on top in a game that had seventeen lead changes. Neither team led by more than five points in the second half.

Senior Anthony Strachan hit two free throws with 40 seconds on the clock to give Muhlenberg its final lead, 74-73, and finished with a career-high 23 points to go along with nine rebounds. All five Mule starters scored in double figures, including Sophomore Chase Licata, who notched ten of his fourteen points in the second half.

In other men's basketball news, Senior Aaron Holden is ranked thirteenth in Division III in blocked shots per game (2.6) and Senior Anthony Strachan is fifteenth at 3.2 steals per game.

Holden has moved into fifth place on the Mules' all-time list with 84 career blocked shots, and he needs two more to move into fourth place. Strachan is closing in on the school record for career steals: he has 154, and the record is 158, held by Dennis Adams (1991-94).



Senior Anthony Strachan scores successfully while taking a shot against two Ford defenders.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Saturday's Game Schedule

Women's Basketball

Mules vs. Swarthmore

at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Mules at Swarthmore

at 3:00 p.m.

Wrestling

Mules at Maritime (N.Y.)

with Kings Point

at 12:00 p.m.

Indoor Track

and Field

Mules at

Susquehanna Invitational

at 10:00 a.m.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball tied for first in CC

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mules' victory over Haverford this past Saturday moved the team (8-5, 4-0) into a tie for first place in the Centennial Conference East Division with Swarthmore.

The two teams are scheduled to meet next Saturday at Muhlenberg. The Mules rested their starters and continued scoring by all the other fourteen players who appeared in the game.

The Mules took a 41-21 advantage into halftime and led by as many as 26 in the second half.

Freshman Lacie Smith scored a career-high fourteen points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead the Mules in scoring for their victory.

Smith tied her previous career high of eight points in the first half alone and became the tenth different Muhlenberg women's basketball player to score in double figures so far this season.

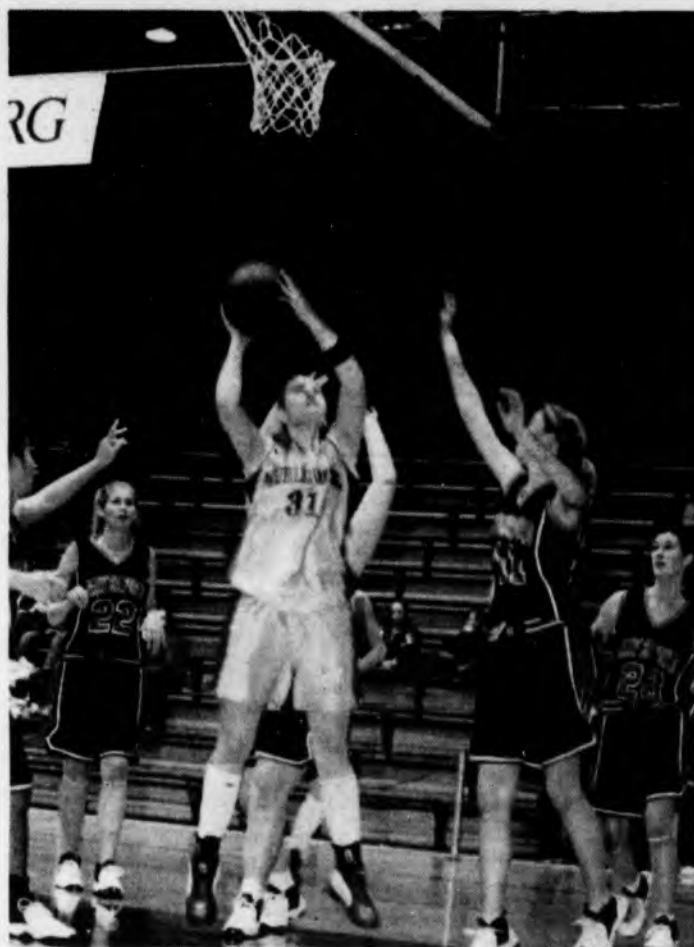
A trio of Juniors -- Jill Friedman, Amber Nelson and Erin DeVaney -- scored eight points a piece. They also contributed defensively, both Nelson and DeVaney with a steal each.

Friedman added nine rebounds in addition to Nelson contributing eight boards.

The Mules will be contending at home this Saturday against Swarthmore. This will be an important contest for the women Mules since they are tied for first place in the Centennial Conference East Division.

The Mules will have home court advantage along with the aid of cheering fans as they take on Swarthmore for the lead position in the Centennial Conference.

In addition to playing, the



Junior Jill Friedman goes uncovered for a scoring jump-shot.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

women's basketball team is also involved in the Centennial Conference's Fourth Annual Symposium.

This is a weekend affair where female undergraduates from the eleven Centennial Conference colleges work together on seminars for various issues pertaining to coaching and the area of athletics.

The Mules Senior Captains Randi Baran and Meg Malatack have been selected to attend the Symposium, hosted by Bryn Mawr College, which began Saturday.

Baran, who was also named to the Naismith Classic All-Tournament Team earlier this month, is also third on the team with eleven three-pointers and fourth with fifteen steals this season.

Mules track starts off with great individual performances

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules had several place high in the rankings for in their first meet of the season, the Kutztown Invitational, this past Friday. Although this meet was a non-scoring one, the Mules placed high in the rankings. Junior Brian Cash was the sole Mule to take first place. He did so in the 1000m with a time of 2:41.21, the second straight time he took home the first in this event.

Other Mules who placed in the top three in their event at this meet were Junior Josh Boyer, third in the triple jump; Senior Jason App, third in the pole vault and Junior Josh Cohen, second in the 500m.

Not to be outdone by the upperclassman, Sophomore Jon Brodowski placed third in the 55m hurdles. Freshman Alex Hotz, second in the 1000m and Freshman Patrick Breault, third in the 3000m. The men's 4x800m team and the 4x400m team both took home third place.

The women's team also had a great meet. Some Mules broke records at this meet. Junior Diana Garetto placed third in the 1000m with a time of 3:18.28 and set the school record. Freshman Karen Mount also beat the existing record by placing fourth with a time of 3:21.40.

Other Mule women placing in the top three at this meet were Sophomore Emily Yedowitz, third in the triple jump and Sophomore Kristin Boydston, second in shot put. The women's 4x800 team placed third.

The Mules' team and Kutztown's team could not fill the 4x400 event, so both teams combined and ran together as one.

The Mules will run this weekend at the Susquehanna Invitational.

Mules wrestling team splits matches at Gettysburg

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules wrestling team (6-4, 2-1), coached by Tom Schleicher, is half-way done with what has been a successful season so far.

The Mules had a tri-match at Gettysburg on Saturday Jan. 18, which included Johns Hopkins. Johns Hopkins, 23-14, defeated the Mules; however, the Mules were victorious against Gettysburg, winning 29-16.

Seniors Nate Yeasted (141) and Joe Salerno (157), Junior Brendan Barrett

(HWT) and Freshman Dale Mills (149) all won both of their matches at the tri-match.

Salerno had his seventh career major decision, which gave the Mules a 14-7 lead against Hopkins. Unfortunately, the Blue Jays took the win by sweeping the last four matches.

Additionally, Mills' also recorded a major decision and a technical fall to expand on his winning streak, making it to nine.

Mills is the first Mule since 1999 to establish twenty wins within a season (21-5).

Key returning seniors who also contributed to the success of the team in the Gettysburg match were Senior Jed Wulfekotte (125) and Greg Jacobs (174).

The Mules will have their next match away on Thursday against Albright.

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Endowment down with national trend

By LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Taking another big hit this year, the College's endowment fund continues to decrease similarly to the national trend. With the release of the annual financial report last month, the College experienced a 12.5 percent drop in endowment from 2001 to 2002. The drop follows a similar decrease in the College's endowment from 2000 to

2001 of 7.9 percent.

The College's endowment fund, comprised of monetary gifts and supplemented by positive investment performance, is suffering a loss similar to the nationwide endowment trend. In comparison, Moravian College experienced a 12.3 percent loss of endowment for two consecutive years from 2000 to 2002, and Ursinus College lost 10.1 percent from 2000 to 2001 and

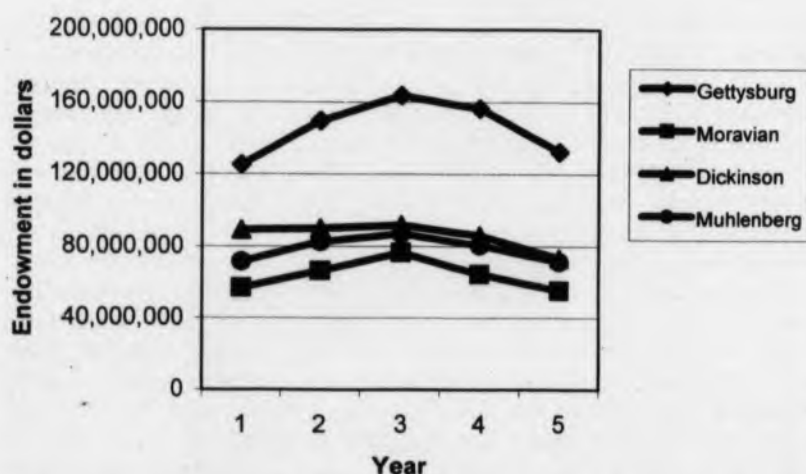
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Callin Pachter, Assistant Director of the OCPD, answers a student's questions during one of the Quick Questions sessions offered several times a week. The sessions are open to any student seeking advice from the office.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Endowments of Competitive Schools



The endowment funds for Muhlenberg, Gettysburg, Moravian and Dickinson Colleges all experienced a decrease in the past two years.

GRAPH BY RACHEL SCHATZ

Recent graduates move on and into new careers

By MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

As graduation approaches the College's eager seniors, many soon-to-be graduates of the College are left asking, "What do I do next?" The answers to this question can be found in the College's Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP). According to OCDP Director Lynda Garow Grossman, the goal of OCDP is "to assist students and alumni on every stage of the job search process." This often includes proof reading cover letters and resumes in addition to assisting students in developing the skills needed to

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Allocation Analyst for the parent company of TJ Maxx, Marshalls and HomeGoods stores. Her responsibilities include "formulating shipping strategies, monitoring production, and working with distribution centers, vendors and buyers." "Essentially, I am working to become a retail buyer," said Bourquin.

"The OCDP was extremely helpful in supplying me with the tools to get noticed by potential employers."

Katie McCleary '01

When asked to comment on her experiences at the OCDP, Katie McCleary '01 said, "The OCDP was extremely helpful in supplying me with the tools to get me noticed by potential employers. One employer commented that I was not qualified for the job [that I had applied for], but he was impressed by what I had to say in my cover letter and he wanted to meet me. He later offered me another position with his organization, but I had already found my current job." McCleary is presently employed in the Lancaster-Lebanon school district as the Secondary Enrichment Experience Coordinator. She plans workshops and field trips for gifted students and their

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Search for president continues

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Working full force in the nationwide process to find a new president for the College, the Presidential Search Committee has begun its tedious and confidential duties and will soon be interviewing the current candidates for the presidential position. The search for a new president began in July 2002, and the Committee expects to find a candidate by April of this year. The Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Harvey L. Benenson, a member of the Board of Trustees, holds the responsibility of recommending an outstanding candidate or candidates to the Board of Trustees no later than Spring 2003. The executive search

firm of A.T. Kearney Executive Search has been retained by the College to assist with the search.

The Presidential Search Committee held meetings in December 2002 and has been holding meetings this month to review the more than 100 nominees and applicants for the Presidency of the College.

"Recognizing that the search is strictly confidential, we cannot provide details on candidates or any additional information on the process," said Benenson. "Maintaining this level of confidentiality is essential to our efforts to attract the very best candidates for the job."

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H. Matthew Meyers, Asst. Managing Editor

Endowment loss a blip

Muhlenberg College is a business, the key to its privatization. As with any other business, the College has to meet the demands of its staff and customers. Without this, the institution will cease.

Due to the large size, low tuition prices and rising academic levels of major public universities, there is a new dimension of difficulty on private colleges' admissions offices in obtaining quality students. The key to survival in this vast market is,

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as it is in any corporation, the wealth of the university. This is dependent on the College's endowment - monies comprised of donations and invested funds.

It is to be expected that in this time of poor economic growth, a school's endowment will decrease. Muhlenberg is no different.

While the College's endowment did drop 12.5 percent in the last year and 7.9 percent the previous year, it is in line with other area colleges. Many schools depend on these funds to fill the gap in operating budget; this is not the case here. Over the past decade the College has invested well enough to not be affected by a 16,448,000 dollar loss since the 2000 peak of 87,052,000 dollars. Though it would be impossible to overlook this major hit, the College has stayed inline with other comparable area schools.

If this trend continues, there will undoubtedly be problems but at this juncture, the College and those investing deserve to be commended. In the last decade the College's academics have reached a new plateau while staying committed to the programs already in place and continue expanding into new realms.

The odors of center court

Chris Price

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Hey; you're a guy like me; you like your bacon bits salty and your shaving cream sandy. We've seen our share of wranglin', and have often learned the worn route, is sometimes the reliable one. So why do you waste your time fiddling with that video game, "John Madden 2003?" Every rustler knows his tried and true video game is Super Tecmo Bowl. It stands the most prized of all A. Shimojis' work, and is perhaps the most balanced and consistent game ever created. Best of all, this pure and basic game is always in season.

But that's no longer a relevant issue at Muhlenberg in the twenty-first century. All 'video gamers' have revolutionized the way Muhlenberg can accommodate both its students and student-athletes. Simply by providing electricity, the institution creates equal opportunities for all students to engage in some

form of competitive sports. For some this might mean softball and baseball, for others "Madden 2003," "Tecmo Bowl" and endless thumb hubbub.

Luckily for Campus Safety, this video game commotion is not concentrated in campus housing. It even seems to be split, right down the middle, 22 to 78, housing buildings vs. non...hey, that's not split down the middle, that's not split down the middle at all. Even if it is the exact proportion of students to student-athletes at Muhlenberg, it's a misleading statistic.

To catch my meaning just travel to your 'local' fieldhouse and Memorial Hall for a rousin' old boneanza: We got a baseball hop from fall, track on the indoors, lacrosse moving off behind softball stretching in wi...th-just enough time for the students to show. By show I mean watch a night-cap triple jump before turning to bed. Students can't seem to get 'next' in the gym's dear-reigning games. The difference between this schedule and a reasonable

one is this time the dominant games aren't limited to in-season sports. All sports are welcome occupy our basketball courts and field house with equal representation...It seems if you're wearing a Lutheran name, sport, then you're gonna ride the gravy train.

Athletes from all sports have access to the gym approximately between 3:00 and 9:30 every day, leaving the remaining hour and a half for student access to the gym. This Athleteopoly deflates our community's mighty chest of resources to few straggled hairs around a nipple. Why is it difficult for secular student athletes, or for clarity's sake, students who also play sports, to secure reasonable gym time?

I hope not to imply that 'students who are also ath-

Class size on the rise

Anne Brown

Weekly Guest Columnist

"I think we're a little bit too big of a class to squeeze into a circle, but we'll give it a try." "Since the registrar asked me to raise the cap on the class size, I won't be able to give each of you the same classroom attention I've been able to give students of the past, and I apologize." And thus began my final semester at Muhlenberg College.

According to the Muhlenberg web site, "Due to record-large freshman classes and record-large retention, Muhlenberg's enrollment has grown significantly." Muhlenberg also holds the same student to faculty ratio (12:1) that it held when I was a

first-year student. Thus, one can infer that more professors were hired and that the class size has remained the same.

Despite the presence of additional professors on campus, there is still a tendency for each of my classes to have, on average, three to four more students than the advertised ratio. This is not a huge number until you take into consideration the class size that was offered (around twenty for an upper level class), and is still proclaimed to be offered by such online sources as the Princeton Review. If there were once twenty students sitting in a class and four more are added (an additional twenty percent) the actual ambiance of the class is altered.

As odd as it may sound, those

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Old man winter

Eric Prock

Weekly Guest Columnist

Winter... my favorite time of year. It is the season of magical snow covered scenery. It is the season of skiing, snowboarding and hockey playing. It is also the perfect season to cuddle next to a fire with that special someone. Winter is full of merriment because Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan and Winter Break all occur during this season. I truly love the season of winter, but not for

any of these aforementioned reasons. Oh no, I love winter for entirely different, some say peculiar, reasons.

As a college student I truly enjoy the season of winter because I get to experience it in all of its glory. Let me tell you, there is nothing that I love more than waking up countless times during the course of a winter's nights sleep because I am either excruciatingly hot or bone numbingly cold. You see, here in the dorms at the College we cannot control the thermostat in our respective rooms

and thus, the temperature can vary from day to day. But hey, that's fine by me. It keeps me in suspense. It is only occasionally that I am aroused from my slumber because my fingertips are a light shade of purple. And it is even less rare that I wake up because I am drowning in my own puddle of sweat. Even though these situations do sometimes occur, I welcome them with open arms because I feel that they play a vital role in completing my college experience. As if this

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letes' should jockey gym times with in-season competitors. Certainly basketball teams deserve gym access during basketball season, just as baseball deserves field privileges during each of its two seasons. But in the mind of this 'student who enjoys sports,' out of season athletics deserve no guaranteed stock in our gymnasiums.

Students pay comparable tuitions and make similar contributions to the college community. The athlete and the journalist are not mutually exclusive. The journalist needs sports to report just as the athlete enjoys

representation in the college newspaper. Athletic teams are not self-sufficient. Granted, teams might make money from fund raising and donations, but most finances derive from me and you. Therefore each deserves appropriate, weighted access to these shared facilities. At the moment Muhlenberg athletics benefit from unfair representation in the Life Sports Center. This division III institution must reexamine its mission.

It's true that intramural basketball began yesterday.

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The numbers don't lie

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extra students turn the class from an intimate discussion-based setting toward one that is a bit more lecture-based. This is because the professor has to be more directive to get more students' voices heard. And no matter how hard the professor tries, added students will tend to stifle others as a result of fear of speaking in a larger setting or as a result of your basic time restraints -- the more voices that need to be heard the less time for each.

I, for one, came to Muhlenberg to take advantage of the chance

to have my voice heard in the classroom. True, now that the class size has increased, my professors are still willing to have one-on-one discussion after class...that is if both of our schedules have openings that coincide. And, let's face it, most students came to the college to learn in the classroom and go to the professors' office hours on special occasions--not make it a ritual.

I want to make it clear that I have no qualms with the way I'm being taught by the professors whose classes I've chosen to attend. Instead, I have qualms with the fact that, due to the

influx of students (and taking graduation requirements into consideration), the class boundaries have to be stretched and pulled.

Sure, the College has been hiring new professors and pinching and tucking where they can, but, as an English major who came to this college for distinct reasons, one of which was the class size, I'm not seeing results effective enough to allow Muhlenberg to claim the numbers it does. Since the college is gaining more popularity by the day, perhaps it should take the time to make sure that its students are reaping the benefits it boasts.

Yo chumps, wanna game?

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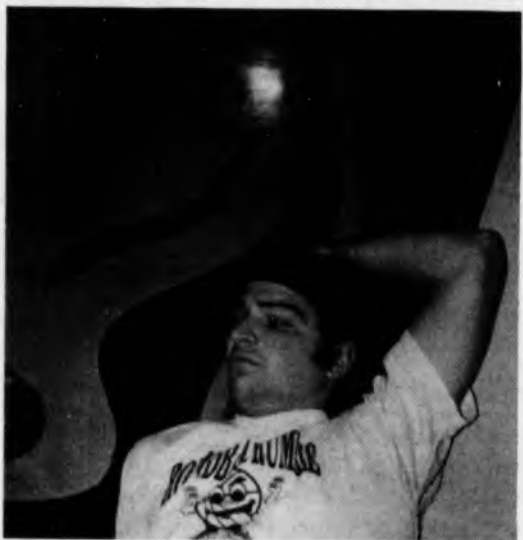
This fact might appease recreational basketball players. But this "kinder, gentler intramural hand" fails to create any new time then was previously made available. Pay no mind to anyone who uses this as opposition to our argument. The only difference is what once were designated open gym times between 9:30 and 11:00 is now dubbed intramurals.

Collegiate athletes are a far throw from the sandlots and playgrounds

from which they began. It's not a new phenomenon for people to leave their "Tecmo Bowl" roots toward a complex Maddonian advancement. What

if the difference, then, between Division III college athlete and a non-athlete does not rest in physiology, but rather total years experience? Whatever the case, a similarity between the two is that neither will advance to the professional level. Neglecting non-athletes who wish to compete

only compromises the love that drove letter athletes to their current level of competition.



A mule on the gym floor learns a lesson in college athletics.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Cold weather blues

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was not enough, it is only part of the fun that winter provides for all of us here at the College.

When I finally awake to get ready for classes, I like to take a couple of minutes to get acclimated to the temperature in my room. I use this valuable time to check the current temperature in Allentown. Often, I find myself tempted to wear shorts and a t-shirt to class if the temperature is anything above twenty degrees. Once I have finally decided on the proper attire to wear and I have followed the socially accepted hygienic protocol, I embark on quite possibly, my favorite part of each and every winter day. Nothing quite compares to that first glorious moment when I step outside for the first time. The sudden rush of frigid arctic air every inch of my being and revitalizes my desire to attend my classes.

As I calmly meander around campus, my hands and face absorb the brunt

...there is nothing that I love more than waking up countless times during the course of a winter's nights sleep because I am either excruciatingly hot or bone numbingly cold.

of all that Old Man Winter has to offer. But the bitter cold and the lashing wind do not deter me by any means. In fact, I enjoy walking around campus in winter more so than I do in summer because I feel that the by-products of my winter walks only serve to enhance my physical appearance in ways that my summer walks never could. In winter, the frigidly cold temperatures and the blustery arctic wind combine to form an unparalleled cosmetic team. This incomparable tag-team is the sole reason why the skin on my hands is red and scaly. Sometimes, it gets to the point where my hands are so chapped and dry that some people think that I have some rare flesh eating disease. But I really do not mind the fact that people are afraid to make physical contact with me because the social isolation merely builds character. In addition to this cosmetic enhancement, my wind burned face and my chapped lips only augment my ruggedly masculine facial features. Nothing says "masculine" better than the little lipstick-like tube of Chapstick that I carry in my pocket. And to think, we pay upwards of 30,000 dollars to attend the College, and we get all of these extra fringe benefits for free. We truly are a lucky bunch of students.

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Weekly Discourse: Early Decision

A hasty choice or beneficial to both sides?

Rachel Schatz
Life! Editor

When high school seniors investigate colleges that may fit their higher education needs, many are enticed by the early decision option that many schools offer impressionable prospective students. Students have justifiable reasons to stress about which colleges they yearn to attend, for the college applicant pool has become grossly populated with extremely gifted individuals. Early Decision locks an accepted student into committing to attend, thus reducing anxiety about other colleges' impending acceptance or rejection letters. Early Decision, however, is only important for those few vital months between the application deadline and notification letter, for in no way does applying early to Muhlenberg indicate a student's level of involvement, happiness or success at the College. I myself decided not to adhere to the Early Decision guidelines that the College offered, and if I had to re-apply today, I still would go with regular decision.

In applying to colleges I made a list of six competitive schools that had similar characteristics: small, private, liberal arts schools that weren't too far from home and that awarded merit scholarships. Among my list of schools that had all these specific criteria was Muhlenberg, yet there was nothing extraordinary about this school that grabbed my attention. I loved the beautiful and navigable campus, small classroom sizes and honors opportunities available. Yet similar academic programs were present at the other schools on my list. I had no way of distinguishing between institutions as to where I would be the happiest, so how was I to know that I was going to be happier at Muhlenberg than I would at Franklin and Marshall whose campuses and resources appeared similar to those of Muhlenberg's? There was no way I could make such a risky decision. If one isn't smitten, why settle for a school just because one may get accepted earlier?

When I applied to college there was the vital issue of whether applying Early Decision bettered my chances of receiving more scholarship money than if I applied regular decision. I wasn't quite sure what to believe regarding this topic, for Muhlenberg and the other schools on my lists danced around the issue with statistics and numbers that my callow mind did not comprehend. Based on my accomplishments, I decided to risk any potential merit benefits associated with Early Decision so I could use other scholarships offered to me by the other schools as leverage to reduce tuition costs. If one school offered to fund only one-quarter of my education, and another school offered to fund half of my tuition, I wanted to use the larger scholarship to bargain with the lower bidding school to increase the stakes to my advantage. Negotiation with scholarship offers can only be performed when you have many offers with which to work, which means you'd have to apply to many schools in order to get the maximum scholarship benefit. Such negotiation isn't possible when one applies early decision; it's hard to bargain when you don't have anything with which to bargain.

Early Decision by no means is unacceptable. For those who aren't concerned with scholarship and who love Muhlenberg, Early Decision is a perfect option. Just because one may fall in love with the school up-front, however, doesn't mean that that person will become an exemplary member of the community. I am involved in a plethora of academic and extracurricular activities that innervate several departments where I come into contact with a large variety of students, faculty, staff and administration. I happen to like Muhlenberg now that I've taken advantage of the opportunities available to students on campus. Yet I know several students who, when they first visited as high school juniors, thought Muhlenberg was their collegiate heaven that now attend other institutions after transferring. Basically, Early Decision is not a perfect predictor of success, and incidentally it is not for everyone.

Christopher Hooker-Haring
Weekly Guest Columnist

Early Decision has been much in the news in recent months. Questions have been raised: Is it fair? Does it create too much pressure? Does it only benefit the colleges?

The difficult truth is this: There is no such thing as a completely "fair" admissions process. In many respects, "fairness" is in the eye of the beholder. What's more, in the real world, colleges have to worry about real world issues such as market position, making budgets, protecting scarce resources, etc.

At its best, the college admissions process is a dialogue that happens between applicants and colleges. If the dialogue works well, actual communication takes place, good decisions are made on both sides, and positive matches are made. However, even at its best, the college admissions process is also messy, made up of subjective as well as objective value judgments on both sides, driven by deadline pressures and so on.

Enter Early Decision. At its best, Early Decision facilitates the dialogue between an applicant and a particular college. In fact, Early Decision is a student's only credible opportunity to express first-choice interest in a particular college. As such, it allows students a voice and an avenue for more pointed, precise communication than anything else in the process provides.

If a college is willing to offer some measure of reciprocity to the equation, then

Early Decision can be a win-win. The college wins because it gets an eager, enthusiastic student. Students win because they learn early of their first choice college's intentions, and they get an extra measure of consideration by virtue of their commitment to enroll if admitted.

At Muhlenberg, we have tried to make Early Decision a win-win. We give Early Decision candidates an extra measure of consideration for admission. We guarantee that anyone admitted ED who shows financial need will receive an aid package (we cannot make this same guarantee under Regular Decision because we run out of dollars in the spring before we run out of needy students). We also have moved our ED deadline back to January 15 of the senior year in order to give students more time to think about this big decision.

Even with our efforts to run a responsible ED program, I won't argue that it's perfect, or that it's the right program for everyone. The majority of our acceptances still go on the table under Regular Decision--and this is true for virtually every college in the country. Early Decision is simply a tool--for both college and applicant. It's there if students want to use it to communicate first-choice interest. Is it a perfect solution? Probably not. Is it fair? Like so many facets of the college admissions process, that's probably in the eye of the beholder. But it's also not the monster under the bed.

In fact, for many students who use it thoughtfully, ED contributes to opening a door, making a match, and beginning a relationship that can be life-changing.

H. Matthew Meyers
Asst. Managing Editor

Let's launch back three years to when I was a high school senior seeking that elusive "perfect" college. I personally visited more colleges and universities than the law should allow. Living outside of Philadelphia, I had imagined attending a university 6-8 hours away, with a student body of approximately 10,000. Somehow I ended up applying Early Decision to a college 50 minutes away with less than 2,500 students...in Allentown.

The question is: How and why did I end up at Muhlenberg? (Which, by the way, was the last college I looked at, primarily due to its proximity to my hometown.) The answer is a simple one: Because I applied Early Decision, upon the suggestion of the College's Admissions Office. Though there were two or three schools of the same caliber in which I had serious interest, Muhlenberg was the school that gave me the most positive feedback -- but only if I applied Early, cautioning that it might be a stretch if I entered the regular applicant pool. Obviously, they didn't lie; I received a phone call notifying me that I was admitted into the Class of 2004 at a date that was well before many of my friends had even sent out all of their applications, and there is surely something to be said for

that.

As with many other people who have applied Early Decision, a month or two after I became the property of Muhlenberg, I began to receive letters of acceptance from other colleges. Partly to my chagrin I was admitted (regular decision) to colleges that, on paper, are comparable or even rank better than the 'Berg. It would be a stretch to say that the College deceived me, but had I been Miss Cleo I may not have ended up here.

This is where the problem lies. A college must make certain assumptions when admitting any students to gain the ideal amount of students. The Early Decision process adds a new dimension of simplicity for the Admissions staff. Whoever they admit *will* be attending, making the desired number of students admitted a much easier number to accurately target. Due to the obvious limited space at Muhlenberg, it makes it that much more apparent how careful the college must be, not to admit too many people. So who is this helping, the Early Decision student, or the college? Probably both. I have always been happy here, and I would like to believe that I have made a positive contribution to the College.

If I had to do it all over again, I probably would not have applied to Muhlenberg Early Decision. I would prefer for the college to make a commitment to me, rather than me make a commitment to the College.

Value of endowment continues to fall nationwide

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another 12.3 percent from 2001 to 2002. Similarly, Gettysburg College lost 5.5 percent from 2000 to 2001 and 11.6 percent from 2001 to 2002.

A combination of factors contributes to the change in endowment, though the recent down-turning of the economy has hit endowment funds with negative investment performance, shrinking numbers considerably. The combination of poor investment performance and the necessary outflow of endowment funds for current operations at the College has caused the drop from \$80,698,000 in 2001 to the current \$70,604,000.

Coming out of a high running economy in the 1990s, schools were hit hard when the economy faltered in 2000. Endowment numbers were increasing across the board through the late 1990s until 2000, when most schools began losing money.

"I think generally what is happening is a direct result of what is happening in the economy," said David Walker, CPA, Associate Vice President and Controller at Dickinson College. "No investments yielded significant returns in the U.S." Dickinson College suffered an eight percent loss of endowment this past year after a three percent loss in 2001.

The effect of the endowment fund loss at a college or university is dependent upon the percentage of endowment used for the operating budget at the school. "It is a challenge for us because the endowment supplies our operations," said James Cooper, Controller at Ursinus College. "Because of changes in our investment makeup, we've had to rebalance to get within target."

Some schools utilize as much as 40 percent of their endowment for

their operating budget, while most use between 4.5 and 5.5 percent. With a drop in endowment and a steady reliance on the endowment for the operating budget, balancing the budget becomes difficult, and cuts may need to be made. The College relies on endowment for approximately 5.5 percent of the operating budget.

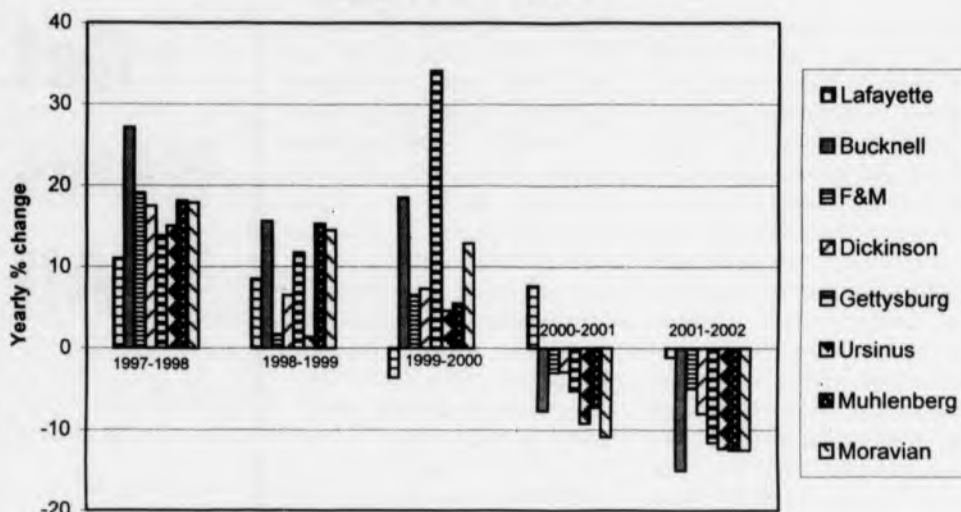
According to Walker, some larger institutions including Cornell University, Colgate University and Stanford University have had to make changes to their budget that resulted in reductions in staffing and the need to "consider the elimination and restructuring of programs."

At the College, however, "we're not taking anything out of the budget," said Kent Dyer, Treasurer and Vice President of Finance. He explained that the College has not yet needed to cut the budget due to endowment loss.

At Ursinus College, no direct changes have been made in policy, though "we are looking into our spending policy and percent of endowment used for operations," said Cooper. He explained that Ursinus College is looking to reduce the percentage of endowment used in the operations budget over time. "It's a difficult thing to do because we need money for the College, but we need to keep endowment in tact as well," said Cooper.

It is also important to build up endowment to keep other costs down. Using endowment in the operating budget reduces the need of raising tuition costs. As the

Yearly Percent Change in Endowment of Competitive Schools



The percent change in endowment for the following schools show the significant loss in endowment in 2001 after several years of increases.

GRAPH BY RACHEL SCHATZ

endowment drops, it is more difficult to replace the money lost for the operating budget, making tuition the next most available source of money. According to Dyer, however, the College works to increase endowment instead of increasing tuition costs or cutting the operating budget.

To soften the effect of endowment loss, most schools use a multiyear average value percentage of endowment for the operating budget. Using this "smoothing formula" average acts as a buffer for low endowment years.

Most colleges use a three-year moving average, while Muhlenberg uses a five-year moving average. According to Dyer, "some three years have reduced contribution" because the average will still drop considerably as the endowment drops over several years, so using a five-year average gives the College more room for loss on a short term basis.

Although the various colleges often face budget problems due to endowment loss, using a multiyear smoothing formula allows the schools to look at endowment more crucially on a long-term basis. "We take a much longer perspective on looking at [endowment]," said Walker. "We look at five and ten year changes."

From 1997 to 2002, the College's endowment grew 14.1 percent. The College's endowment continued to grow from 1997 at \$60,663,000 until it peaked in 2000 at \$87,052,000. Since 2000, the College's endowment has fallen to \$70,604,000. In comparison, Lehigh University, Lafayette College, Bucknell University, Franklin and Marshall College, Dickinson College and Moravian College experienced a net increase in endowment since 1997, though the peak of endowment for

all of the schools except Lafayette College was in 2000. "We have overall solid returns," said Walker. "We don't look at endowment as quick-hitters." Gettysburg College and Ursinus College both experienced a net loss in endowment since 1997.

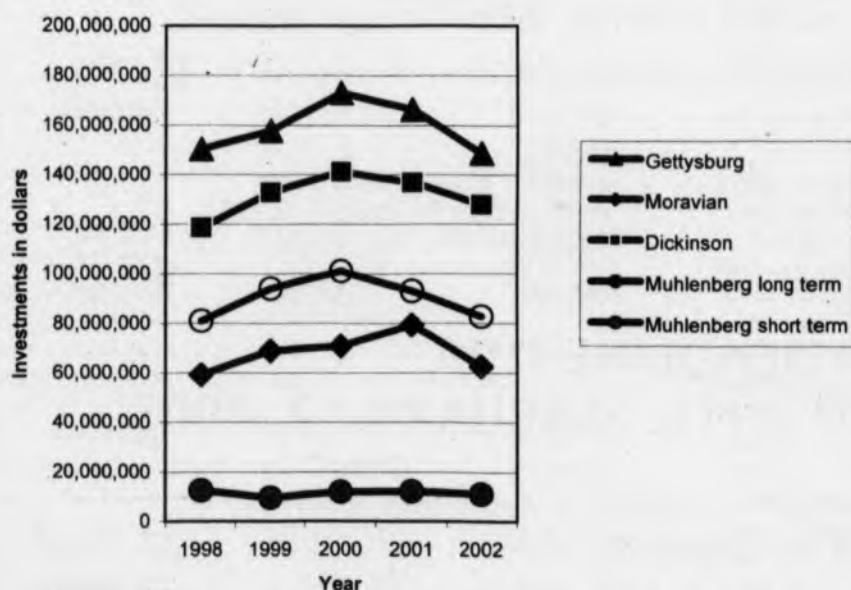
To help monitor the changing endowment fund and manage performance, the College has hired a firm to review investments. Recently, the College has chosen a new firm, Ennis Knupp. The advisors will look at the College's policy and risk management in addition to reviewing equities, fixed incomes and other assets. "I anticipate changes being made," said Dyer. "No matter what the market is doing, we're not happy with where the endowment is."

The College chose to change advising companies after representatives in the old company changed. While the change to a new company was not provoked by the loss of endowment, "switching advisors to get a fresh look is good," said Dyer. "It's good for [the College] in the long run."

On a quarterly basis, Dyer and a committee at the College review a comprehensive report to measure the College's investments and endowment against a benchmark and comparable schools. After each quarterly review, Dyer commented that, "we do make changes."

Despite the loss of endowment, the College has not experienced a financial rating downgrade. As long as the endowment loss does not persist on a long-term basis, the College will not experience financial difficulties. According to Walker, "This type of economy can't last. It will start to swing the other way." If the economy improves, there will be a greater opportunity for positive investment performance and restore the lost endowment.

Yearly Investments of Competitive Schools



Investments also dropped with the loss of endowment for each of the schools.

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Career development helps graduates

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instructors. Since her graduation in May 2001, McCleary also worked as a camp counselor at the Center for Talented Youth and spent several months in Spain studying on a Fulbright Research Grant.

Another recent graduate, Kelly Lehman '02 clarified what exactly the OCDP can do for students.

"OCDP does not find you a job. They give you the resources to help you seek the job that's right for you. This takes time and is not an easy task for someone who doesn't know exactly what they want to do," Lehman said.

Commenting on her visit to OCDP last November, she said that, "A career counselor and I looked over jobs related to editorial writing or environmental-related tasks." Lehman currently works at the admissions office at Wilkes University.

After graduation, she hiked the Appalachian Trail and is now in the process of applying to law

school.

While commenting on OCDP statistics, Grossman said, "For the Class of 2002, we sent out more than 9,000 resumes, and had nearly 1,000 counseling appointments over the course of last year. This year we expect to send as many, if not more, given the difficult economy." Grossman was resistant to reveal the success rate of the OCDP. She said, "Our success is not only measured by who has a job because students are often at different stages in the job application process. There are many different types of success."

McCleary recommends that students take full advantage of the magazines containing job listings.

Bourquin offers the following advice to current students, "The help and guidance the OCDP staff has is immeasurable. It is their insight and knowledge that truly does explain the high post-graduation career placement rate that the College is so well known for."



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Student accepts internship on film set in Spain

By LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

With several internships already under her belt, Stephanie Angel '03 is on her way to working alongside Katherine Bates and Robert Deniro in her spring

internship on a film set in Spain.

In today's competitive job market, internships have become a highly coveted opportunity for college students, and Angel will be leaving the College for the semester to complete her

crucial internship.

After having self designed both of her majors, Film Expression and Spirituality, Angel integrated film experience into her coursework. "I just finished writing my first screenplay as an independ-

series directed by Sidney Lumet.

The film she will be working on this spring, *The Bridges of San Luis Rey*, based on a Thornton Wilder novel, will be filmed in Madrid and Malaga, Spain. Angel will be interning as

the assistant to the script supervisor. Working side by side with Kathy Bates, Robert Deniro and Harvey Keitel, Angel will be checking for script continuity as well as noting

ship, students of the College are given some assistance from the Office of Career Development and Placement.

"There are a lot of different strategies when searching for internships," said Cailin Pachter, Assistant Director of the Office of Career Development and Placement.

"For instance, we have listings in our office and through Career Connection. We also have printed materials and the Muhlenberg Career network, which lists over 1,600 Muhlenberg alum willing to help current students," she said.

The search for internships can be difficult a difficult task for students, and building a background of experience is key in constructing the necessary desirable qualifications in the job market.

Angel was able to use her own outside networking skills and experienced background in film to find her spring internship. "Networking is really important," Pachter confirmed. "We encourage students to come talk to us."

"I just finished writing my first screenplay as an independent study this past semester that I hope to sell or make after I graduate."

Stephanie Angel '03

ent study this past semester that I hope to sell or make after I graduate," Angel commented.

While her spring internship is impressive, it is not her first internship opportunity in film. Angel's first internship was on the set of *The Believer*, a film directed by Henry Bean.

The Believer won Sundance Independent Film award for "the best drama." Following that internship, Angel interned on the set of *100 Centre Street* a television

which takes the director prefers.

Commenting on the internship search process, Angel said, "My father Dennis Angel is a copyright lawyer and was working on the legal rights for the film... he put me in touch with the director." The combination of Angel's strong background in film, and the additional help of her father, landed her the prestigious position.

While Angel used outside resources to land her intern-

Allentown - A confrontation between Allentown and the city's Police Athletic League was dodged Monday when the sides met around a conference table and agreed to search for a way to continue the organization's youth sports programs. "We're willing to consider anything you put on the table," Mayor Roy C. Afflerbach told the board during a meeting scheduled days ago and opened at the last minute to the media. Those moves, along with other cuts in department support -- estimated by the city to add up to more than \$150,000 a year -- were viewed by the organization's independent board as an attempt by Kuhn to wrest control of the league from community leaders long involved in the program. In addition, the Police Department currently assigns three vehicles to PAL and supplies about \$800 a year for fuel and maintenance. The league also has free use of an office in the Public Safety Building and the use of a city telephone.

Allentown - A Hunterdon County, NJ, jury cleared two Allentown men of attempted murder charges Monday in connection with an August 2000 shootout with a Clinton police officer, but it convicted one of them of aggravated assault. Andre Omar Warren, 24, was convicted of aggravated assault on Clinton Sgt. Cory Kubinak during a traffic stop but cleared of the attempted murder count, which carried a potential sentence of up to 20 years. Hunterdon County Assistant Prosecutor Harvey Lester said aggravated assault carries a prison term of up to 10 years. Warren also was convicted of weapons charges, possession of cocaine and obstruction of justice but found not guilty of hindering the investigation by fleeing. The other man, Scott Adam Zeiner, 21, was cleared of attempted murder, aggravated assault and hindering the investigation by fleeing.

Weekend Weather

Friday



Cloudy

High: 35
Low: 32

Saturday



Rain/Snow
Showers

High: 40
Low: 29

Sunday



Mostly
Cloudy

High: 43
Low: 33

College still seeks president

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The desired qualifications for the presidential position are numerous and will be met by a well-rounded and experienced individual. One trait the Committee is looking for in the candidates is a minimum of fifteen years of experience in professional pursuits while having demonstrated leadership ability in education, government, business or other professional career paths.

The candidate should also demonstrate a commitment to high-quality undergraduate liberal arts education and have an understanding of the requirements of and characteristics associated with managing and leading a college or university.

Among many responsibilities, the president of the College is in charge of reviewing the curriculum and recruiting, retaining and evaluating faculty and students.

To aid in determining the

desired qualifications of a presidential candidate, the College has held meetings open to the Campus Community where students, faculty and staff were able to voice their opinions and hear the search firm address their concerns.

The Committee will be interviewing ten to twelve semi-final candidates

at an off-campus site in late February and will continue with the final candidate interviews in mid March.

Final background checks of each candidate will take place in late March, and the search will culminate when an offer is made to a candidate in April.

The announcement of the new president will take place once the candidate has accepted the offer for the position.

"We fully expect that the eleventh President of the

College will be in place no later than the start of the next academic year," said Benenson.

Because of the high level of confidentiality, the members of the Committee declined to comment. They

"We are maintaining the strictest confidence about all matters relating to the search."

Harvey Benenson, Chair of
Presidential Search Committee

explained that all questions must be directed to Benenson.

However, Benenson also noted that, "We are maintaining the strictest confidence about all matters relating to the search, so it is highly unlikely that I would comment beyond that which was reported" to the public.

"As always, I welcome comments, advice and questions from all members of the [College] Community," said Benenson.

AEPi faces disciplinary action

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

The turn of events that transcribed on Friday, Jan. 17 at Alpha Epsilon Pi has left heaps of questions around campus as to what sanctions will be issued to the reported underage students of the party as well as the fraternity itself.

The party that would have otherwise gone unnoticed by Allentown Police Department (APD) and Campus Safety has brought forth a sticky situation that not only involves disciplinary actions on the part of the College but also by the proper Allentown authorities.

According to Jane Schubert, Judicial Officer, "anybody who possessed and/or consumed" alcohol while under the legal drinking age at the party will be referred to the Judicial Process. Despite getting referred to the judicial process, some students could face very extreme measures if they have had past visits to Judicial Hearings at the College.

Schubert stated that "sanctions will vary depending upon the student's judicial history."

Schubert has reportedly

issued 28 letters for alcohol violations to students of the party. Those students, Schubert stated, will be speaking with hearing boards this week and well into next week.

According to Schubert, once speaking to a judicial hearing board, the student's case will be examined and the "hearing board makes recommendations to Dean Ehrenberg."

Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life, explained that after reviewing the sanctions suggested by the hearing board, Dean Ehrenberg "could lessen or make the sanctions more severe."

In addition to the fraternity having members involved in individual hearings, Hurd stated, "the fraternity will go through Judicial as an organization."

As far as the specific sanctions that the house is facing, Schubert stated that it could be "anywhere from suspension to expulsion." In addition to Schubert's statement, Hurd stated that the sanctions issued to the fraternity could be a "range of possibilities, which can span from suspension to losing recognition as a nation-

al fraternity."

Hurd further explained that "it is up to Judicial and the National Headquarters" what specific repercussions the fraternity faces. Hurd commented that he had faxed a letter reporting the incident that occurred just over two weeks ago to the national headquarters; however, he had not yet received a reply.

The fraternity faces disciplinary action by the College as well as the National Headquarters that oversees the fraternities' chapters across the country, but also by the APD. Hurd commented that "the Fire Marshall was called because the number of people in the basement exceeded capacity."

Hurd further stated that it is up to APD and the city of Allentown whether to bring future disciplinary action against the fraternity.

Concerning the possibility of fines against the fraternity, Hurd stated that "it could be a lot if the city chooses to go that way."

According to Schubert, the fraternity as an organization "could face fines for both the party and fire hazards," although no official charges have been made against the fraternity.



"Let's Keep His Dream Alive"

Dr. Joseph L. Amprey, Jr. from Kutztown University spoke at a celebration as part of the College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Event at the Egner Memorial Chapel last week. Amprey is the publisher and editor of DRUM, a bi-monthly newspaper focused on news affecting people of color in Berks County, Pa.

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 21 - Vandalism To A Vehicle - A mirror was broken off a car on 23rd Street. The mirror was found smashed on the ground and one of the windshield wipers was damaged.

Jan. 22 - Vandalism - Graffiti was found scribbled in the stall of the first floor boy's room in Ettinger.

Jan. 23 - Harassment - A student reported being harassed by another student in Prosser Hall. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 23 - Harassment by Communication - A message was left on a female student's cell phone in East Hall.

Jan. 23 - Injured Visitor - A Wood employee member was injured in Seegers Union when a knife sliced their finger.

Jan. 23 - Alcohol violation - Two students were found in possession of alcohol in Martin Luther Hall. The two students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 23 - Sick Student - A student became light-headed and then suffered from vomiting attacks in the Life Sports Center.

Jan. 24 - Suspicious Person - There was a suspicious person spotted near Martin Luther Hall. The individual was located and given a letter of trespass by the College's finest.

Jan. 24 - Harassment - There was harassment of a student by another student on campus. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 24 - Vehicle Violation - A car driver was guilty of running a stop sign

on Benfer Drive. The driver was given a fine.

Jan. 24 - Vandalism - An individual violated the elevator in Walz Hall when they felt inclined to urinate in the elevator.

Jan. 25 - Vandalism - The rear kitchen window of a house on 323 N 22nd Street was broken.

Jan. 25 - Prowler - A group of people were reported out back of a house at 318 Albright Street. The trash can was found desecrated by the midnight prowlers.

Jan. 25 - Maintenance Problem - A broken pipe was reported in the mailroom.

Jan. 25 - Alcohol Violation - Three students and two non-students were in violation of the alcohol policy in Prosser Hall. The

two visitors were issued the traditional letters of trespass and the three students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 25 - Alcohol Violation - Three students and four non-students were found in possession of alcohol while under the legal drinking age in Walz Hall. The students were referred to the Judicial Process and the non-students were issued honorary letters of trespass.

Jan. 25 - Alcohol Violation - Two students and one non-student were found in possession of alcohol in Martin Luther Hall. The two students were referred to the Judicial Process and the non-student was issued their very own letter of trespass.

Jan. 26 - Fire Violation - A student was smoking in their room with a plastic

bag over the fire alarm in East Hall. The student was given a fine.

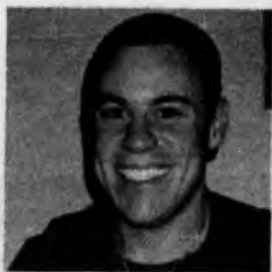
Jan. 26 - Sick Student - A student who felt ill in Prosser Hall was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Jan. 26 - Theft - Three diversity pictures were stolen from Seegers Union. The rightful owner desperately wants them back. Two of the three were returned several days later. If the last one is returned to the Dean's office, there would be no questions asked.

Jan. 26 - Vandalism - The bulletin board of the east door of Prosser Hall was torn down and stomped on by people walking through the door.

Jan. 26 - Fire Alarm - The smoke alarm of 407/409 North 23rd Street was set off by food.

WEEKLY

life!**"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."****-Benjamin Franklin****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE "POSITION?"****"Center fielder."****-Jason Spencer '05****"Long snapper."****-Adam Abramowitz '05****"Sliding into home."****-Kris Kachline '05****"In the box."****Zack Trach '05**

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Center for the Arts shakes hands with potter**BY JOHN DUNPHY**
Weekly Staff Writer

When people think of pottery, their thoughts may go straight to ancient times when the objects were used for transporting objects or water. They may think of a small hobby that they sometimes indulge in. Very seldom will they say that it is an art; however, the term art epitomizes what pottery truly is. It is the art of pottery that allows a man to use earth and fire to make forms and shapes stunning to the mind and dazzling to the senses.

On display at the Center for the Arts in the Martin Art Gallery is a showing of Ron Hand's work. Hand is a faculty member at the Pennsylvania State University, but his history reaches far beyond Pennsylvania. Ronald Hand is a veteran from the Vietnam War. By the age of twenty-six, he had experienced that war and divorced his wife. From that point he went on to attend PSU and seek a career as a teacher, although he originally wanted to major in aerospace

**Hand discusses his work and his philosophy during the opening of his show.**

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knowing your purpose in life?" These words taken from the first paragraph of the program for the exhibit seems to strike a chord with almost all people and especially college students. Here was a man who was lost, and through the art of pottery was able to find himself and his direction in life.

What makes Hand's pottery unique is the way he incorporates what he has been taught by his western teachers and what he has learned from an eastern tutor, as well as a good degree of chemistry. The

Hand, however, pushes out and molds the clay to his liking instead of simply chopping it up. Also, his glazes are impressive as he uses a variety of colors with varying ash content to make his colors true. Although he would much rather learn from experience how colors will turn out, he claims that sometimes, when need be, he returns to chemistry to guide him in making the correct choices.

Every piece is beautiful in its own right, yet to fully appreciate the intricacies of the pots, one must look more closely at his work. On one tea bowl there is a design that simply could not have been done by hand. By mixing kerosene with wax, Ronald Hand was able to flick the now loose paraffin onto the bowl before glazing, leaving the splotches of wax to form their own design.

The exhibit will remain in the Martin Art Gallery until the first of March. It is a truly breathtaking spectacle, and all should make a point to stop down at least once to behold true pieces of art.

**A collection of Hand's work.**

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engineering. It was there that he took his first pottery class, Beginning Ceramics, and from that point on, his lifestyle was never the same.

"Have you ever, like myself, been lost in life, without direction, not

ways in which he glazes and makes corners and edges to his pieces are almost never seen and thus are especially profound.

When making a corner on a piece of pottery, a potter will usually use a knife.

The second of a very long series: The Queen City Diner: Blazing colors, jukeboxes and amazing fries

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Looking like a typical diner on the outside, the Queen City Diner suddenly becomes a world of little added extras upon going into the entry way. With arcade games in the entrance, a bakery carousel and appealing salad bar within the diner, and jukeboxes at many tables, Queen City is, as Jess Skrocki says, "your classic family diner."

Queen City is, in fact, a special sort of place. Located on Lehigh Street in Allentown, it is a convenient five to ten minutes from the College. Decorated with an eclectic mix of colors and textures, chrome edges, stucco walls, fuschia seat cushions and bright teal walls all grace the interior, along with the standard fluorescent lighting. Matt Meyers summed up the decorations with "it's neon-rific!"

Not only is the diner var-

ied in decoration, it is also decently clean. The coffee cups are white, the floor is vacuumed and the bathrooms are near sparkling. Queen City is still, however,

rated a 7 for cleanliness.

The waitress was a concerned, grandmother-like woman who addressed diners as "dear." She was very much like the mother on

Everybody

Loves

Raymond,

except less

annoying.

She was

quite hilari-

ous at one

point when

she slipped,

caught her-

self and

blurted, "and

I didn't have

anything to

drink." She

took orders

carefully.

When

Meyers

asked for

his home-

fries extra

dark, that's

exactly what her got, so the cooks and waitstaff at Queen City must be doing something right. For serv-

ice, the diner received an 8 on the scale.

Once drinks were ordered, the waitress placed a small carafe of coffee on the table. This is unheard of at most diners, especially when those eating are only on their first cup. Dave Sobotkin, in appreciation of the carafe, remarked that "it has significantly made my weekend better, in plastic form." The coffee itself was described as good, but nothing special.

When the meals promptly arrived, they were all presented nicely on the plates. Skrocki described the presentation as "aesthetically pleasing" while Sobotkin appreciated the "good use of space." A turkey sandwich had healthy portions of meat, but was a bit slimy in texture. The meat was not very flavorful, but at least it seemed fresh, as did the lettuce. The sandwich arrived without mustard, but

when the waitress was asked again for the condiment, she brought it quickly. Mashed potatoes, ordered as a side, tasted like ground up French fries. They were instant, but buttery. This meal was rated as a 5.

Skrocki ordered a grilled cheese. She stated that, while the pickles on the plate were not great, the sandwich itself "was light and fluffy, and retained its shape." She rated it as an 8.

As a bonus, Skrocki found the French fries she ordered to be quite excellent: "You'll never find fries like these at a diner." Sobotkin, upon trying them, commented that even those who did not previously like fries could not resist those at Queen City. He described them as "missionary fries; they can convert you."

Meyers ordered an omelet, and found his meal to not only be nicely

arranged on the plate, but tasty as well. He was happy to find that the eggs in the omelets were real. "I had yoke and white I could see—not prepackaged." He summed up his order by saying that "my meal was as good as an AC/DC power cord." Final rating: 8.

Sobotkin's eggs over easy were standard issue, but not burnt and not underdone. "They're just good," Sobotkin affirmed. He



The Queen City Diner is located close to College on Lehigh Street. It's fluorescent decor is hard to miss.

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a diner, and the tables were a bit grimy, and some of the plateware was stained. On a scale of 1 to 10, the diner



The diner serves traditional fare, including coffee, breakfast items and sandwiches

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Brain cancer survivor gives Mules a taste of life

BY ANNA NORMAN
Weekly Staff Writer

"Make up your mind, follow your heart, make a start," are the life-altering words brain cancer survivor, David Bailey shared with his audience on Fri., Jan. 24, in the Red Door Café. Six years ago, Bailey was diagnosed with brain cancer and told he only had six months to live. Statistically, Bailey said to the audience with a smile, one in five hundred brain cancer patients survive and, "Someone's got to be the one." Since his diagnosis, he left his job in corporate America and made up his mind to do something that would really matter. Ever since, he has played for forty states and made five albums.

Around 8 p.m., Bailey sat himself in front of about sixty people to offer his thoughts and experiences regarding life and love. The audience, comprised of students, professors and locals, was immediately captivated by Bailey's brightly colored

tie-dyed head wrap. The audience was instantly laughing at Bailey's jokes and tapping their feet to his upbeat songs.

Although Bailey's songs



Bailey flashes a smile as he sings his original ditties.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

were entertaining and inspirational, they often included clichés. The clichés gave the feeling that his own words and thoughts were not being expressed through the songs as he relied on overused sayings to get his point across. In addition, the lyrics sometimes sounded forced as he tried noticeably hard to make his words rhyme. However, Bailey never claimed to be a fabu-

lous songwriter; he even joked about himself, "I am famous, just not everyone knows it yet." With that type of light-hearted attitude, it was easy to get swept into Bailey's words. Alanna Blitz '06 summarized how Bailey made her feel: "The songs about his experiences gave me chills."

After ten songs were played, the room that initially needed additional seating started to thin out, but Bailey seemed unaffected. He was happy spreading his newfound outlook to anyone that would listen. Bailey was even unafraid of a little self-promotion; he made the audience aware of his CDs and DVDs that even include a music video. He sang of airplanes, hotels, being hit by a truck and coffee, but the audience took more away from these songs than how Bailey likes his cappuccino. In his song titled "Coffee with an Angel," Bailey taught his audience how precious life is: "Life is short. Stay awake, before it disappears."

rated them as a 7.

Little extras on the table included Smucker's apple jelly, Heinz ketchup, and of course the jukebox, which was sadly not in working order.

In the end, the meal for four came to about \$18.00. Queen City is a decent value. Eggs over easy with corned beef hash cost just \$3.75, and the turkey sandwich was under \$3 at \$2.95. Mashed potatoes cost a measly \$1.10, and the grilled cheese rang in at \$2.80. All in all, it was a cheap meal for the food quality.

In the end, the Queen City Diner turns out to be a convenient and fun dining place, especially if it's French fries for which you're longing.

Overall rating for service, cleanliness, and taste: 7.16.

The Telephone rings a bell with opera-going audience

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

"He left me alone with my telephone," laments Lucy (Theresa Olin '03) after her lover Ben (Matt Barcewicz '03) has left her apartment without saying goodbye (he's not a jerk; he has a train to catch). Lucy and Ben are the characters in Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera buffa, or comic opera, *The Telephone*, performed last Thursday and Friday in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

The Telephone is the story of Lucy, Ben and Lucy's phone. As Ben tries to profess his love to his girlfriend before he has to leave, he is continually interrupted by her phone.

Olin has a beautiful operatic voice. Her innocent anticipation of her lover is adorable. One can't help but smile. Barcewicz's Ben is equally enchanting. He has a rich baritone voice that is quite mesmerizing. One can empathize with his frustration as he explains that the phone can't be poisoned, can't be drowned, has hundreds of lives and runs on battery power. Wouldn't you take to the liquor the third time Lucy picked up the

phone during your conversation?

The comedic apex comes when Lucy leaves the room and Ben attacks the phone with a screwdriver. As he struggles with it, she returns, shocked to find him attempting to harm her phone. He tries to say it was all in self-defense, but as she babies her phone she suggests he must have hurt it first.

Eventually, he has to go, leaving her alone with her phone. He soon calls on his cell phone to ask her to marry him. She accepts and after ascertaining that he won't be gone long; she has him promise not to forget her number.

When Olin went to Jeremy Slavin, director of the Muhlenberg Opera

Group, Slavin told her to find a baritone and do the opera as a black box. Taking his advice, Olin worked



Matt Barcewicz '03 and Theresa Olin '03 in the opera *The Telephone*.

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with Charles Richter, director, Diane Follet, musical director, and Christopher Frisco, accompanist, to present *The Telephone* as a senior music major capstone project. She and Barcewicz worked on their music last

semester and over break. When they returned in January they had two weeks to rehearse with Richter and Frisco, a somewhat daunting process considering "the voice parts and the piano part go together fairly intricately," explained Olin.

Richter had directed the opera at the College twice before; he had a fairly clear idea of what he wanted to see. "We decided to play it more straightforwardly than other productions, which often go for straight-out comic buffoonery," Olin said. "The opera is very funny, of course, but overdoing it would overwhelm the human side of Ben and Lucy's relationship. I was especially concerned with not portraying Lucy as a totally insensitive ditz, since the audience has to like her and want her and Ben to get together despite the obstacle of the telephone."

The team also made a few modern updates (Lucy's phone became a cordless telephone, Ben was given a cell phone and palm pilot) to give the opera a more contemporary feel and allow the actors more freedom to move. The result is a sweet, enjoyable show.

It's getting to be that time of the year...that's right, it's almost Valentine's Day! Don't get too excited yet. The Life! section has a special offer for you. Send in \$2 and this form and we'll print any note for your sweetie (who's probably actually just a friend of yours, but we won't tell) and send it to box 2776. Please limit to 100 characters or less.

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These four walls: One little, two little, three little roommates...

By KRISTIN M. BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

College is supposed to be a center for higher learning, the place where young people go to learn the things necessary for their survival in the world beyond school. However, there are so many additional things that college students can learn outside of the classrooms. Probably one of the best lessons that is discovered in college is how to cohabitate in the same small living space.

There are many types of housing that Muhlenberg students can find themselves in over the course of their time here. There are the typical doubles, as well as triples, quads and suites, where eight people live in a common environment, sharing a bathroom and other areas. Each situation naturally comes with its own

pros and cons, each with its own lessons to be learned, good and bad.

The most interesting part of examining these different living situations was to see how one issue could create a huge problem in a smaller room and very little in a larger one, or vice versa. An issue that most college students face while living here is that of privacy. Everyone has a need for some time to themselves every now and then or for a place to keep certain things, such as that secret food stash, away from their roommates. In doubles in particular, the smaller size of rooms is often a complication in trying to create one's own space. One solution for finding some privacy seemed to be easier with fewer roommates. Several people claimed to make an attempt to memorize or at least become familiar with their room-

mates' schedules so that they could plan out some quiet time. Jill Pavlov '06, who began the year living in a triple and whose roommate moved and left her in a double, says that the biggest difference between living in each environment is that she only has to keep up with one other person's schedule rather than two in order to find some privacy.

Lauren Fazzio '05, who lives in a Benfer Hall suite this year and lived in a double in Walz Hall last year, says that it can be harder to find your own space in a suite vs. a double since there are more people to contend with, but she also says that "if you go in [to a suite situation] with people you're compatible with, it makes it easier." Fazzio also states that she goes to other places such as the library if she needs to find some quiet for homework or other

things.

Another issue that all students seem to encounter in their living situations is visitors that require some private time with one's roommate. There is a term commonly referred to as "sexiling," which refers to a roommate or roommates who are asked to leave the room so that the other roommate can entertain a boyfriend/girlfriend or just some other random person he or she met at a party. In a double, this seems to be only a minor problem. Most members of doubles have few to no complaints about leaving the room for a few hours or even for the night for such a reason.

However, in triples and quads, there are often more problems. It is apparently much more difficult to displace two or three roommates as opposed to just one. In those situations,

couples are more likely to try the other person's room than to try to "sexile" all of the members of triple or a quad to for an extended period of time. Still, some people try to work with what they have anyway. Debra Vanderweit '06, whose former significant other lives in a triple in Walz Hall, says that she believes you should "use time alone, when you have it, to the fullest extent," sort of a "quickies-when-you-can" idea. Suites seem to have the ideal set-up for this sort of problem. A roommate can simply sleep on a couch in the common area or go into one of their other suitemate's rooms for the night.

Another factor that is affected by one's dormitory situation is the social aspect, the opportunities

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horoscopes

Compiled by Mama Schatz and Miss Philli D'Vine

Aries

Hey sexy thang. Who's looking your way? It could be that four-eyed stud from chem lab, that flirty chic sporting devil horns, or a rotund GQ employee. Either way, you know you're just too shallow for those nonconformists, so look the other way. Or just mess with his or her head, you heart-breaker, you.

Taurus

You find yourself bored with fro yo and sick from Wow sticks (what's in those again?). Try something new, go to an area diner, order in Pizza, or try some Chinese. You'll probably still get sick, but an MSG high is worth it for a nice helping of chow mein. We recommend Imodium AD and Tums.

Gemini

A low key weekend is in store for you. Whether making out on the dance floor, getting with "freshmeat," playing two best friends, or just joining your usual Prosser Hall orgy, you're gonna want to play it cool. Throw away those sex toys. Whore.

Cancer

You find yourself homeless after a semester abroad.

Find yourself a nice, dry box and line it with trash bags and this copy of The Weekly. You may not have a lot of heat, comfort or food, but at least you'll have a single. No one else will live in the gutter next to you, and if someone does decide to be your neighbor, don't worry. In one week your own disgusting stench of body odor will surely drive your box-mate away screaming.

Leo

You're ecstatic to finally be away from your nagging parents and grandma's sickening old lady stench of formaldehyde and cough drops. To eradicate the embedded odor from your nostrils and grandma-women lime green scarves, decorate your dorm and yourself with vanilla and evergreen car deodorizers. Not only will you smell great, but you'll make a killer fashion statement.

Virgo

Forgetting your way to the showers is no excuse for your horrible body odor. The fact that your roommate slaps on a fumigation mask any time you are in within a fifty-yard radius of your room is not due to the dorm's paint fumes. You royally smell like manure, and if you want to keep your friends, it's about time you pay

homage to soap and a steel wool loofah.

Libra

Are you afraid of going to classes? Well, you should be. Your attempt to shine last semester proved more successful in the inebriation arena than the academic arena. If you don't bust your brain this semester, the College may not extend an invitation to you in the fall, and that means no more parties. You may actually want to purchase at least one book that doesn't have pictures in it.

Scorpio

You find your room's decorations rather sparse, so you want to take it upon yourself to spice the walls up a little bit. For some easily accessible and cheap tidbits to paste up on your wall, search through your neighbor's recycling bin; there's a treasure trove of crap in there. Who says condom wrappers and GQ plastic wrap is trash? What others call garbage you call art.

Sagittarius

Your wardrobe is rather dull and you realize that you need some new T-Shirts. Maybe something white and red...with a cool saying that endorses a school club...not that this is

advertising. (Call 3195, by the way for a Weekly T-Shirt).

Capricorn

For the last time, stay away from those goats!

Aquarius

Keep your friend away from the goats. Please.

Pisces

You're getting sick of those horses. Finally, the goats are free. Oh, and call Farmer Fred. He wants his goose back.

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"Sausage Fest" 2003



A student dives in the pool during "Singed Out," which was put on by the Residence Hall Association.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Number of roommates affects dorm experience

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available for interaction outside one's own room and also the affects that disagreements can cause between roommates. Neil Freedman '06, who lives in a Prosser Hall quad, says that living in a quad really helped him transition to a college setting by allowing him to meet more people at the beginning of the year, because each roommate would bring in lots of friends. However, Freedman expresses that the high volume of people coming in and out of his room now more often causes a hin-

drance than a help.

On the contrary, Lauren Fazzio says that being in a suite situation keeps her from meeting new people. The setup of the groups of suites seems to keep students in more of an isolated area. Fazzio claims that she only sees others whom she already knows within her dorm and actually has difficulty visiting many of her sophomore friends that live in Martin Luther and East Halls, because they are located on the other side of campus. Fazzio also talked about how disagreements in a suite cause more problems than they caused when she lived in a double. It is as if

someone were having a screaming fight within the hallway of Walz Hall. Those people would be perfectly able to go into their own room or a friend's room, close the door and escape the fight. In a suite, however, Fazzio says that you have to share common areas with the other people so much that a large fight would be hard to avoid.

Essentially, there really is no best living situation. It is clear that each type of room has its own problems and its own joys. It seems to depend on what issues are more important to a person as to which situation will best suit them.

By EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

There's loud rock music blaring through the house PA speakers, but the pool water is eerily calm. In fact, there are more bodies in the foyer of the Life Sports Center eating free cookies than those standing around the pool awaiting the commencement of "Singed Out." This Residence Hall Association sponsored event promises Muhlenberg students a pool, snacks, fun and chance to win a free date with one of their "desirable" peers.

It's Friday Night, and 30 valiant souls have braved the cold in the hopes of finding that special someone. It's 9:00 p.m. and there's only one problem:

no girls. A voice shouts out "where are the females," and one cannot help but infer that "Singed Out" has officially been christened "Sausage Fest 2003." Finally, three girls saunter in out of the frigid air and a handful of male students let out sighs of relief. Things are beginning to look up!

As the inevitable start of the game approaches, more and more people begin to leave the area to find other more entertaining ways to spend their evening. By 9:30, the number of attendees was about half of the original count. Simply put, this was another case of students not caring about school sponsored events which occur on campus.

To quote famed Simpsons character Comic Book Guy, "Worst assignment ever."

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Garnet's put dark cloud over men's basketball team in a close contest

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Swarthmore sunk a basket with 0.6 seconds remaining in overtime for the game-winner to defeat Muhlenberg, 83-79.

The loss was the fourth in a row for the Mules (6-9, 0-5), whose last three setbacks have been by a total of eight points.

Down by as many as seven points in the second half, Muhlenberg sent the game into overtime when senior Aaron Holden hit two free throws with eleven seconds to play in regulation. Holden's field goal with 1:01 to play in the first overtime gave the Mules a 78-77 lead, and the teams traded free throws for a 79-

79 tie with 22 seconds left on the clock.

Immediately after, Swarthmore scored with 0.6 seconds left in overtime. Muhlenberg threw the ball too long on an inbounds pass, and the Garnet (7-10, 3-2) scored again at the buzzer.

Along with Holden, senior tri-captain Anthony Strachan recorded thirteen points and six rebounds. "The last couple games we have had we suffered rough losses," Strachan said. "It's hard to lose such close games. We lost by three to Washington, Haverford beat us by only one point, and now Swarthmore defeated us by four points. Playing such close matches, however, only makes us a stronger

team."

Finally, the third of the tri-captains, Toomey Anderson, scored a career-high of 24 points and three assists. Twelve of these points were scored in the second half and six in overtime. Anderson also led the Mules in rebounds with nine.

Strachan also assured, "After these losses, I think our team is really coming together now and we are starting to play as a team. We have come a long way and I definitely expect to better outcomes for the rest of our games this season."

The Mules will be playing home on Saturday against McDaniels and also home on Monday against Moravian.

Next Week's Schedule

Thursday Wrestling

Mules vs. King's College
at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Women's basketball

Mules vs. McDaniel
at 2:00 p.m.

Men's basketball
Mules vs. McDaniel
at 4:00 p.m.

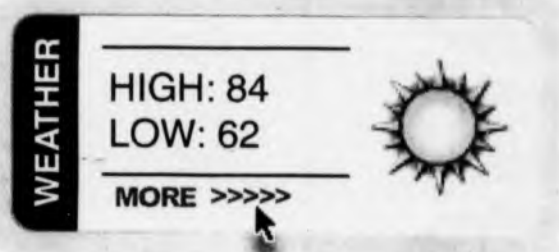
Wrestling
Mules vs. Washington & Lee
at 11:00 a.m.

Indoor track & field
Mules at East Stroudsburg
for the DeShriver Invite
at 10:00 a.m.

Monday
Women's basketball
Mules vs. Moravian
at 6:00 p.m.

Men's basketball
Mules vs. Moravian
at 8:00 p.m.

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Track team holds their own at Invitational

Elson and Hankee qualify for ECAC's

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules indoor track team took home some incredible finishes, and broke some records as well, at the Susquehanna Invitational. For the men's team, Senior Will Elson won the 1,500 meters this past weekend, but also broke a school record with a time of 4:03.94. This feat qualified Elson for the ECAC Championships. Elson slipped by the facility record by seven seconds.

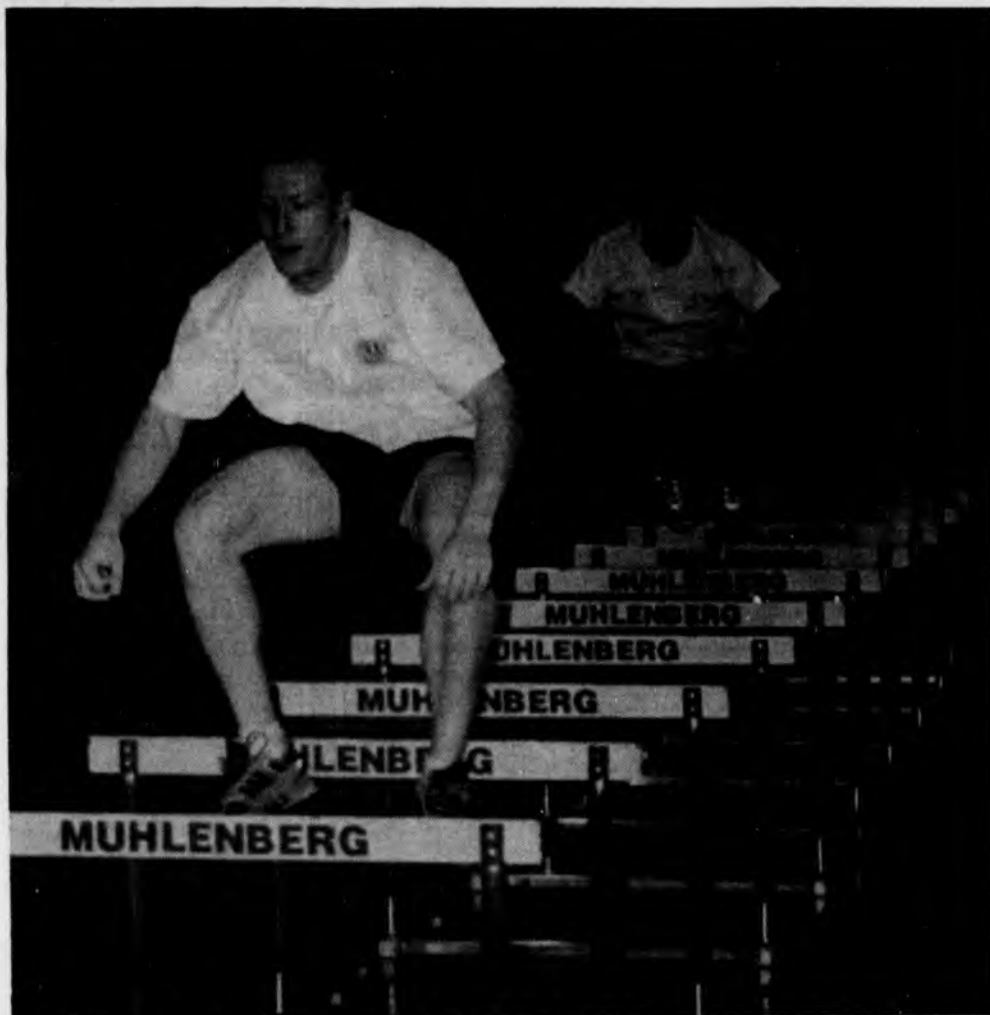
In addition to Elson's achievements, Junior Brian Cash with a time of 4:10.08 and Freshman Alex Hotz with a time of 4:15.09 also surpassed the school's previous record of 4:16.64, which had stood since 1993.

Junior Josh Cohen was second in the 400m, was a member of the 4x400m relay and was fourth in the 200m. Cohen missed school records in both his individual events by a slim margin.

Along with the men's team, the women's team also had one school record and one ECAC qualifier at Susquehanna.

The 4x400m relay team, consisting of Freshmen Danielle Seiler and Kate Isselee, Sophomore Samantha Sachleben and Junior Diana Garretto beat the school record by over five seconds off with a time of 4:15.78. This record was previously beaten last year, as well.

Another notable feat was Sophomore Ashlie Hankee, who qualified for ECACs in the 55m hurdles. Isselee also placed second in the 400m and eighth in the 200m. Sophomore Meghan Douglas-Snyder, as well, tied for second in the pole vault.



Senior Jason App and Junior Matt Frye jump over hurdles as a warm-up technique.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Women's basketball captains attend coaching symposium

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Muhlenberg women's basketball senior captains Randi Baran and Margaret Malatack were selected to attend the Centennial Conference's Fourth Annual Snell-Shillingford Coaching Symposium. The Symposium took place last weekend, hosted by Bryn Mawr College.

The Symposium is a weekend affair where female undergraduates from the eleven Centennial Conference colleges—Bryn Mawr, Ursinus, Swarthmore, Haverford, Muhlenberg, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Washington, Johns Hopkins and McDaniel—come together for seminars on various issues pertaining to coaching in many forms of athletics.

The percentage of women coaches on the collegiate level had been declining steadily since 1984, according to a study of Women in Intercollegiate Sport by Vivian Acosta and Linda Jean Carpenter. Due to this, Jen Shillingford, former director of athletics at Bryn Mawr, created the symposium in 1999 as the Snell Coaching Symposium to encourage women to enter the field of coaching.

Following Shillingford's retirement as the director of the event, the symposium was

renamed the Snell-Shillingford Coaching Symposium to honor her contributions to women's athletics.

The Symposium participants are given the opportunity to speak with a panel of mentors, graduates, graduate assistants and key women in the field of athletics.

"Speaking to the panel showed me how much time and effort goes into being a coach. It is a job which requires an immense amount of dedication and love for the players and the sport," said Baran.

This year's guest speakers include Shillingford; Charlotte West, former president of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and former associate athletic director at Southern Illinois University; Tracey Belbin, the current National Field Hockey Team coach; and Christine Grant, former women's athletic director at the University of Iowa.

"The event was a great learning experience in the sense that we got to see the coaching aspect of the sport, as opposed to the players view that we are accustomed to," said Malatack. "Randi and I learned a lot about the past of women's athletics as well, for example how athletics was developed and how it had changed and grown over the years."

Over the first three years of the symposium, 50 percent of participants have gone on to coach on a variety of levels.

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Wrestling team dominates at tri-match

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made Head Coach Tom Schleicher the coach with the most wins in Mule wrestling history. His record is 67-62, with this being his seventh season.

Prior to Schleicher achieving this record, it was held by Mike LaPorta, who coached from 1987-1993 and had won 65 matches as head coach.

The Mules, who now increased their record to 9-4, seemed to be consistent in breaking records that day. They recorded six pins in the opening match, nearly breaking the record, when seven wrestlers scored falls against Brooklyn Polytechnic on Jan. 17,

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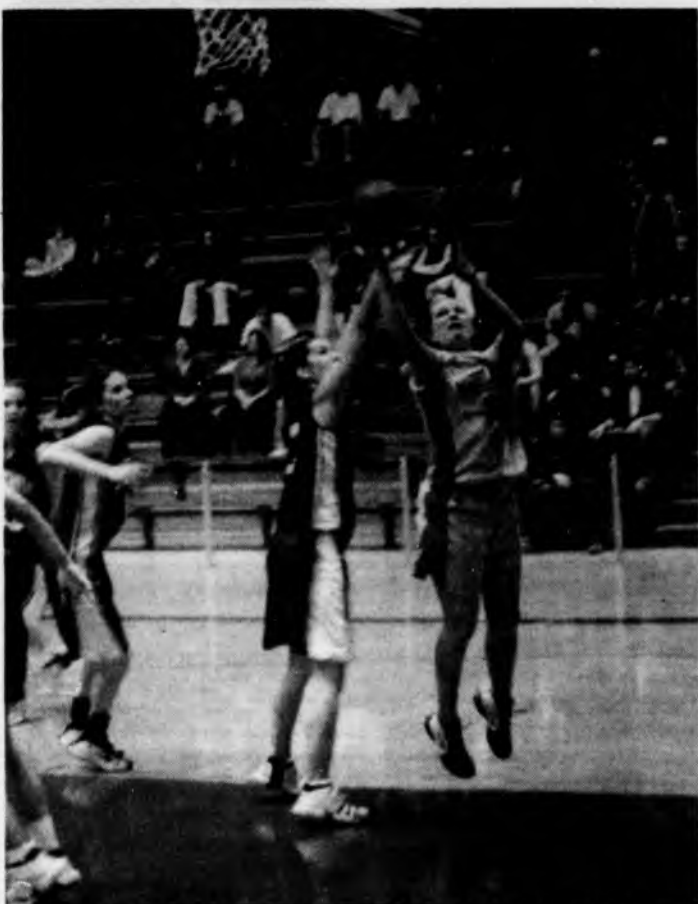
Brendan Barrett (HWT) had the fastest pin on the team, one of six that day. He destroyed his opponent in 37 seconds to attain a 45-9 win. The heavyweight's major decision win in the final match against Kings Point match assisted the team greatly in obtaining the winning margin.

Other double winners for the Mules were Seniors Jed Wulfekotte (125), Nate Yeasted (141), Joe Salerno (157) and Greg Jacobs (174/184) and Freshman Dale Mills (149).

The Mule wrestlers will be home on Thursday to take on King's College and on Saturday to take on Washington & Lee.

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Junior Becky Richmond takes a leap to score against a Swarthmore defender.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Mules survive comeback and capture first place in Conference

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Junior Becky Richmond scored fourteen points and added nine rebounds to lead the Muhlenberg women's basketball team to a 55-53 win over Swarthmore (11-4, 5-1). With this win, the Mules (10-5, 6-0) gain first place in the Centennial Conference East Division.

The Mules dominated the first half, going on a 15-0 run to open up a 22-7 lead with 8:32 left in the first half. Muhlenberg led by 16 points at halftime, 35-19, and took its biggest lead at the very beginning of the second half on a lay-up by Richmond.

Swarthmore came back within one with 1:33 left on

the clock on a layup, but Junior Lindsay Tis made one free throw with 23 seconds left to give the Mules a 55-53 lead.

With seven seconds left on the clock and down by two, Swarthmore attempted to in-bound the ball under its own basket but threw the ball out of bounds.

Richmond said, "We needed to stay calm and defend well. I have confidence in myself and in my teammates to pull it out. We play the same game all the time, which allows for us to win in these types of situations."

Junior Susan Marchiano also played well, recording a double-double with ten points and ten rebounds. Juniors Jill Friedman, Lindsay Tis and Erin

DeVaney each recorded five points to aid the Mules with their big win. Freshman Stephanie Coluccini also added in five points. Senior Captain Randi Baran led the Mules in assists with four.

The Garnet were 23-of-54 (42.6%) from the floor while the Mules shot just 35% hitting 21 of 60 attempts.

The difference was at the line where Muhlenberg hit 11-of-20 attempts to the Garnet's 5-of-7.

The Mules also dominated the boards, and out-rebounding the Garnet 47-30.

The Mules take on McDaniel this Saturday at home. On Monday, they will be competing against Moravian at home.

Wrestlers win last four straight matches

Coach Schleicher breaks wins record

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mule wrestlers had an impressive outcome in this past weekend's matches, which started off against Albright (37-9).

The wrestlers won four of the six contested matches, while the other four bouts were won by forfeit in the 133, 141, 165 and 197 weight classes. This win improved the Mules' record to 7-4.

In the first match, Freshman Dale Mills (149) won with a 22-10 major decision, improving his winning streak to eleven. The school record for major decisions is at nine; Mills falls short by two, but it's

not too far out of reach for him. Mills also leads the team in takedowns, recording 60. He added ten to his total during this bout.

Mills said, "It feels great because I have three years left and more to learn after this season. I'm already having a little success."

Senior Joe Salerno (157) also had a takedown in his match. Salerno took a 3-1 lead during the third period and won with a 3-2 decision. Sophomore Frank Pepe (197) was one of the weight classes to have a forfeit. Pepe had recorded wins in four different weight classes this season.

In the heavyweight division, Junior Brendan Barrett recorded two takedowns in the third period.



Sophomore Dylan Moulton controls his teammate at a sparring practice.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

He came from behind with a 6-2 win, bringing his record this season to 17-3.

Along with the win against Albright this past week, the Mule wrestlers took on Maritime College (N.Y.) (45-9) and Kings Point (22-18) in

a non-league tri-match.

The Mules defeated both of these teams, expanding their winning streak to four.

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First Amendment rights at the College

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

The events that transcribed throughout the world through the course of this year have given many groups on campus the opportunity to publicly voice their opinions about certain political issues, such as the possible war with Iraq.

In addition to the anti-war rallies that filled the Fall air, a certain "underground" group on campus that goes by the name Reclaim Your Space spent time during the Fall semester utilizing their right to free speech in order to remind students of their own right to free speech. The group overwhelmed students as well as faculty with their affirmation of the First Amendment by hanging thousands of pieces of paper around campus, which quoted the College handbook's passage of posting notices and signs as well as the First Amendment of the Constitution.

This sudden outburst of student speech about controversial issues not only deals with our basic American right of free speech but also our right to free speech while at a private college and how that right may be limited by a private college's administration. The framers of the Constitution founded a country with the idea that a national government being established would be able to protect citizens' rights and protect their rights from the infringement of government agencies.

The First Amendment to the Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble." Despite

the effort to protect citizens, it appears obvious that the Framers of the Constitution did not anticipate the development of so many private institutions that are capable of depriving citizens of their First Amendment right.

Currently, there is no Pennsylvania law that inhibits a private institution from limiting members of its community from their right to free speech. However, according to the Student Press Law Center, Pennsylvania is among one of the only states in the country to have construed

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In accordance with First Amendment rights, a student hangs a sign in Seegers Union.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Multicultural sorority new to campus

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Having just received national recognition, the multicultural sorority Theta Nu Xi is about to become the College's fifth sorority. Its purpose, according to its founders, is to learn about people and cultures.

"A sorority is celebration of differences,"

She explained that she decided to start the sorority because she felt the current sororities on campus did not promote enough understanding of each other, and she also wanted to promote diversity at the College. The sorority's purpose and its name fit well together, as Theta Nu Xi spells "one" in Greek.

Once the idea caught interest, Boydston contacted Nicole Taylor, the Director of Expansion for the national sorority, and began holding a series of meetings on campus. The first information session was held this past October and at first, only a few girls attended. After more publicizing and after spreading the word to different groups on campus, the sorority sparked some interest.

The founding members had to send a Declaration of Interest to the national organization, which included pictures of the founders and a statement focusing on why the College should be considered as a colony of the sorority. Included in the Declaration were the demographics of the school and information on the Greek life



Some of the students involved in bringing Theta Nu Xi to the College include, top: Liz Pelbergos '05, Cindy Tepper '05, Kristen Lundy '05, Julie Villegas '05 and bottom: Kristen Boydston '05, Ashley Kramer '05, Jessica Walsh '05.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

said Kristin Boydston '05, the first of the sorority's founders. "Theta Nu Xi is Greek life oriented around a cause," said Boydston.

To Boydston, the sorority is one more way to bring people together on campus.

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Academic warnings alert students

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

While college has often been described as the best time in a person's life where young adults gain independence, have fun and continue their education, grades are still very important. Schools need to set certain standards for their students, and the College is no exception. The College has developed two policies called Academic Warning and Academic Probation that precede student dismissal and monitor students' academic progress.

For the Fall 2002 semester, a total of 19 students were on Academic Warning and 35 students were on Academic Probation. Out of the students on Academic Probation, ten are from the Class of 2006, six from the Class of 2005, twelve from the Class of 2004 and seven from the Class of 2003.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life, said the College dismisses about ten students per year for academic reasons. She added, "Others withdraw because they know it's not working." From the Fall 2002 semester, five upperclass students were dismissed.

The number of students on Dean's List for the fall semester, on the other hand, was 693, including 24.8 percent of the Class of 2006, 30.5 percent of the Class of 2005, 32 percent of the Class of 2004 and 44.9 percent of the Class of 2003.

Shiner Wilson explained that previous transcripts of

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Pursuing the path of integrity

The Editorial Board would like to commend the College on its efforts to afford students their full First Amendment rights, despite the ability for a private institution to place strong and deliberate limits on free speech. The College has taken strong steps to not only allow for posters to be hung, but to allow *The Weekly* to use our own discretion as to the content published. As a college staple for the last 120 years, we take

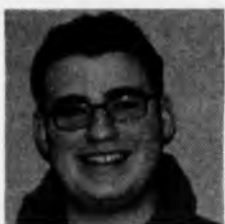
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this confidence very seriously, knowing that it is something that is earned and can be taken away should we abuse our power.

Through the years, *The Muhlenberg Weekly* has not always maintained amicable relations with the College or with other campus institutions. Over the last several years, we have made a concerted effort to not only become a reputable source of campus and non-campus news, but to also gain the trust and faith of the College and the members of the College Community. This can only be done through a zealous pursuit of objectivity and impartiality. Max Davidson's comment that "the College administration has pretty much taken its hands off when it comes towards the newspaper publishing what it wants" reinforces that we must continue along this path.

With this confidence comes responsibility, and *The Muhlenberg Weekly* will strive to continue to be the most authoritative source for campus news.

First Amendment compromising security



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"You furnish the pictures. I'll furnish the war." These were the infamous words of one of the world's most renowned editors, Joe Pulitzer. Joe had sent photographers to Cuba in attempts to get a scoop on the Spanish-American War. When his reporters and photographers found nothing, he simply told them to continue reporting as if there was a battle going on. From this point on, the media

have taken a steady downfall and continue to decline even as we speak.

Throughout America's history, so many times has the media forced the hand of government. So many times have good people been ripped apart for minor infractions. One begins to question whether or not there should be some form of restriction on the journalistic tactics of today.

Although very over-used, probably the best example to give right now is this "War on Terror" with which our country is involved. We begin with Sept. 11. Everyone rose up and said that there needed to be a war on terrorism. For a while, it worked. Everyday, the media were finding out more and more about the inner workings of al Qaeda and the other terrorist

groups throughout the world. However, after a while, something so typical of this generation of Americans happened. We got bored. The "War on Terrorism" became the "War on Terror." We changed our focus to Saddam Hussein. Now, after several months of hearing about imminent war with Iraq, Americans have once again started to lose interest. So where do we turn now? North Korea. Now that it is known that they have nuclear capability (no bombs, mind you; just that they could if they wanted), they too fall under this new and broader term.

Something that made me sick to my stomach occurred several weeks ago. While waiting to pay for books at the bookshop, I turned around and

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Racist is an adjective defined as "discriminatory especially on the basis of race or religion." Affirmative action has discriminated on the basis of race since its

Affirmative action perpetuates racism

inception, therefore making it, by its very nature, racist. By supporting affirmative action one is, by definition, a racist.

Last week, President Bush described Affirmative action as "divisive, unfair and impossible to square with the Constitution." I gather that President Bush, like myself, fails to see how supporters of affirmative action can act like the

beacons of equality and the saviors of race relations while abdicating a racist policy and subjecting whites to unequal treatment and minorities to doubts of their abilities. You cannot solve racism with racism. You can only solve racism by eliminating discrimination altogether and teaching color blindness. Until the constitution's principle of equality for all is truly carried, out racial issues will continue to be divisive and unfair. How can we expect the people of this country to not be racist if their own government is perpetuating racism?

I believe that policy excellence and virtue lies in its success of attaining objectives (in affirmative action's case, the purported objec-

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To the Editor:

The events at the AEPi Fraternity House on Jan. 17 catapulted me from a newly initiated member of AEPi into the position of President. I have read the articles written by

The real truth about AEPi

Ben Veghte for this publication and I think that the coverage of this incident has been limited. There are greater issues at stake and discussions that should take place.

First, I want to address the incident itself. I was at the house that night, as were many of our fellow students here in the Muhlenberg community. As college events go, it was safe with people generally in

control of themselves. It was crowded, and clearly contributing factors to this include the desire of many Muhlenberg students to be together and the lack of other alternative forms of entertainment on campus. Obviously there are things that should not have happened and this is what has drawn the attention of the Allentown Police Department and the Muhlenberg Campus Safety.

One of the issues raised by this event is that of drinking, and specifically underage drinking. One only has to read this publication's Campus Safety reports to recognize that underage drinking is not strictly limited to the people at the AEPi Fraternity House on Jan. 17. I am not condoning breaking the law, but

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To the Editor:

At this very moment, I am sitting in the common room of my Benfer suite, surrounded by all seven of my suitemates, who are socializing and laughing together as I write. With

Benfer is not so bad after all

the hectic nature of our schedules, this is truly a rarity, and we revel at the preciousness of the situation. This is the picture that should have been painted in last week's article, "These Four Walls." Instead, Benfer Hall was portrayed as a bleak and stressful place, where roommates must be careful not to get in each other's way, a picture that is quite far from the truth.

As I watch my roommates freestyling a spontaneous chorus of Queen, last week's article becomes more and more outrageous to me. In the author's defense, there are obviously cons about living in Benfer, as there would be about any

residence hall. However, the pros of Benfer are much more numerous, and I, along with my seven suitemates, feel they were not adequately represented in last week's article.

As I said in the interview, Benfer gives students a great opportunity -- the opportunity to live so closely with good friends. We entered into this living situation as eight distinct yet compatible individuals, and in the process of living together grew closer than ever before.

Seven roommates fosters much more than silly disagreements. More importantly, it means seven people to tell about your day, seven quirky personalities, seven wardrobes to choose from and fourteen shoulders to cry on. It is an environment where you can constantly interact with people, your closest friends, right in the comfort of your room, and yet still have the luxury of your own space. Benfer truly is a unique and fulfilling experience.

--Lauren Fazzio
Class of 2005

Where is the diversity?

Alexandra Quirke
Weekly Guest Columnist

As I look around each day, it feels as if there are fewer and fewer students of color here. Muhlenberg welcomes approximately 45-50 Black students in its population of two thousand students. Not to mention, that some of those are mixed and might not identify as Black, like myself. For many years, I considered myself Black because that is what I was told. I am a Black Hispanic. This is not a dictionary term. It is a term I use to describe myself, a mixed woman who is dark in coloring but was raised by a strong Puerto Rican mother in a Latin community for most of my life. Why is this of any relevance?

I will explain. Often, people complain about the lack of diversity at Muhlenberg. I am one of them. However, I feel I have earned that right by being active in multi-cultural activities for the past three and a half years that I have been here. There are events on this campus all year round to celebrate Black leaders. Unfortunately, they are usually not well attended. For those who do not know, there are events posted on the multi-cultural board, which is kindly placed in a little hub opposite the office of Career Development adjacent to the bookstore. Until all of us become more involved, who are we to complain about the lack of diversity?

I sat in a class last week where people

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Where does the media get off?

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saw Kim Jong Il on the cover of some news magazine with the headline reading something to the extent of, "The Next Dr. Evil." This simply is not right. Not only does it show poor taste in editing, but if I were the leader of a country, sane or not, and someone compared me to a Mike Meyers character, I'd be pretty annoyed. Some people don't seem to understand that they do get our news magazines in North Korea and *Austin Powers* is dubbed over in Korean. It is not an inside joke; they do understand and it probably annoyed them.

Another instance that made me less than happy was when it was announced that Hussein was preparing his troops for war. The news broadcast went on to say that Saddam was preparing troops and that he would have no need to unless he was hiding something and expected a

war. In itself, this isn't that bad; however, the follow up story was how American troops were preparing for war. Now doesn't this seem the slightest bit hypocritical? The same story only different players.

It's not just about war, either. Taking a look at

One begins to question whether or not there should be some form of restriction on the journalistic tactics of today.

elections in the past several decades, the steady trend has been for the news to focus more and more on a nominee's personal life rather than their policies. Quite frankly, who cares if someone "inhaled?" The nation has to remember that now is the time when we'll be electing the people of the sixties. Those same

naked and free people at Woodstock are now old enough to run our country and I'm willing to bet a good deal of them do. Presidents, senators, representatives and governors should be not elected based on not by the way they look or their past indiscretions. They should be elected based on their political philosophy and their ideas on how to better our country.

My piece of advice is to simply not buy into it. Do your own research before you instantly and blindly follow the press. Much of what they report is public record and should be able to be looked up by anyone. Demand an end to yellow journalism of the past and fight for the journalistic integrity of the future.

AEPi offers more than drinking

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it is a fact that we live in a society where the consumption of alcoholic beverages is the norm among adults. To think that as young adults approach drinking age there will not be some experimentation is naive. A far better approach for us as a community might be to see the act of drinking as inevitable, but to be intolerant of alcohol abuse. We should be far more concerned about the binge drinkers among us than the person who attends a party and has one or two drinks.

Another concern that this brings up is the issue of drunk driving, which I believe is already a large problem that both students and administration tend to ignore. With Campus Safety coming down on the party scene here at Muhlenberg, it seems that many students look for alternative forms of entertainment off campus. As much as we would like to pretend that people are willing to be designated drivers, let's be honest, many times this does not happen and someone ends up driving home intoxicated. I wonder if it is going to take an unfortunate accident for the people of the Muhlenberg community to realize that

drunk driving is a huge problem here.

Activities on the Muhlenberg campus are limited. AEPi actually contributes a service to our college community by hosting our fellow students. Our house is a place that people want to be. Muhlenberg students are looking for fun things to do on weekends and we have been happy to host a large number of events. We don't want to be restrictive and turn people away but this is obviously one of the reasons why the number of people at this party got out of hand. We would be happy to see more campus activities that draw the number of people that we get at our social events.

I think the depiction of AEPi and our members has been limited in the articles written about this event. We are responsible contributing members of the Muhlenberg community. We are serious about our studies and have the second highest GPA among the fraternities. We should be focused not on this fraternity, but on the real issues here for our school, and that is how we respond to drinking and what activities are available for our student community.

--Ben Pemstein
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Weekly Discourse: The Iraqi invasion

Is the goal of the U.S. to gain access to oil or to stop an oppressive regime?

Chris Price
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

To the surprise of few Americans, President Bush declared this week that Iraq is not cooperating with weapons inspectors and military action will be taken unless something drastic is uncovered soon.

Of course, an even smaller number of people know whether or not Iraq is letting U.N. weapons inspectors see everything. Perhaps this information is only known by several individuals within Hussein's regime. If those with a voice in Iraq know what is going on, they are not talking. Or maybe they're just not allowed to talk. A striking similarity between an arm of Bush's "axis of evil" and the U.S.?

The U.S.-led effort to liberate the Iraqi people hinges on two things: making the world safe from Hussein and Iraq safe for democracy. With such selfless ideals, it seems shameful because it ranges from difficult to impossible for Americans to get non-corporate stances from their popular media. The opinions offered on Fox, ABC, CBS and NBC are frequently as unbiased as this column. The news ticker facts that run across the bottom of our televisions serve as crib sheets for when the rest of the world offers a pop quiz about why our country is right (and occasionally wrong).

In this era of globalization, it is in the best interest of these energy-consuming corporations and businesses to have unfettered access to world resources. Currently Iraq is the second largest holder of oil in the world. Of course, the Bush Administration claims that if they do authorize an invasion, it will be to account for weapons of mass destruction. This seems a fuzzy claim, considering United Nations

inspections during the 1990s disarmed more weapons of mass destruction than military forces managed during the Gulf War itself.

The Bush Administration may claim that Hussein plus access to weapons of mass destruction is a dangerous formula. This is a legitimate claim. He is certainly a dictator and nuisance who shows little interest in cooperating with international rule. Despite speculation made by myself and other media, we do know that he has yet to use these weapons. I believe the Bush Administration when they say an invasion will be for purposes of disarmament. But I also believe they conveniently left out other (perhaps more genuine) motivations for an invasion. This might include establishing a government more friendly to the globalization and corporation policies of the U.S. Keep in mind, these are the same corporations that have a direct stake in what happens if we overthrow Saddam and replace his dictatorship with democracy.

The average American may only have twenty minutes to watch the evening news. He might not have the time to find independent news organizations that give both sides of the story rather than just the capitalist side. Instead, the media dictates whom to root for and against. People hear the humanitarian U.S. is trying to save a struggling Iraqi population. Remember, this is the same country that tried to save the Nicaraguan population from socialism in the 1980s when Reagan backed the terrorist Sandinistas. According to Reagan, these Sandinistas were "the moral equivalent of our founding fathers" that we supported in overthrowing the socialist regime that their people brought to power.

Jonathan Kreider
Weekly Guest Columnist

The old oil debate is becoming quite a fashionable argument against a possible war in Iraq. Yes, Iraqi oil is quite a prize to be had. Iraqi oil reserves are second largest in the world, exceeded only by Saudi Arabia's stockpile. The problem with the argument is there are so many contradictions. If this were all about oil, why would we sacrifice American lives to go to war with a country that we know has weapons of mass destruction and a willing trigger finger? If we were only self-interested, why not go down to South America and seize the rich oil supplies of some developing country who can offer little resistance?

If this were all about oil, wouldn't it be easier to push a piece of legislation through the Republican-dominated House and Senate to drill for oil in Alaska rather than fight a costly war? If this is all over oil, why has President Bush planned to allocate 1.2 billion dollars for the research and development of hydrogen-powered automobiles, a move that would make oil a far less desired commodity? After asking yourself these questions, it just doesn't seem to add up.

Still, opponents may say, "If this isn't over oil, then why aren't we going after North Korea?" Good question, here's the answer. In short, North Korea has nuclear weapon technology. Obviously, aggression toward a nuclear power has much greater consequences than aggression toward a non-nuclear foe. The reason we didn't go to war with Soviet Russia is because we feared nuclear catastrophe; the same fear is keeping our conflict with North Korea

on a strictly diplomatic level. Not to mention that we've been in a constant struggle with Iraq, not North Korea, to allow U.N. weapons inspections. We were at war with Iraq a dozen years ago, and used tactical bombing efforts as recently as 1998 to try to get them to comply. Also, a conflict with North Korea would create a three-front war with troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and North Korea. Clearly it is not a good idea for the United States to be stretching its military across the globe in this fashion.

Above all, arguing that we're going to war with Iraq strictly for oil is based totally on speculation. So let's stick to the facts. Saddam Hussein and his oppressive regime have gassed, murdered, raped and tortured their own people. He has violated U.N. resolutions for twelve years by not cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors. This regime has admitted to pursuing illegal arms and weapons of mass destruction and even nuclear weapons. These are the facts. So what will happen when Saddam is ousted from power? The downtrodden Iraqi people will finally see some of the wealth that Hussein's regime has accumulated. Torture and terror will be eliminated. Economic sanctions will be lifted eliminating starvation and elevating the standard of living. The people will choose a democratically elected leader without a gun pointed at their heads.

Oil...I don't buy it. I agree with President Bush's remarks at the State of the Union address, "The liberty we prize is not America's gift to the world, it is God's gift to humanity." If America is the medium through which the Iraqi people obtain that liberty, than I am more than happy to provide it.

Affirmative action: not the answer

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ing racial discrimination). Thus, affirmative action, because it has not reached its aforementioned goal, can neither be excellent nor virtuous, despite its perceived valiant intentions.

Affirmative action, like the white supremacist policies before it, is only perpetuating the problem of racism and, therefore, has not attained its objective. I will admit that, due to the severe discrimination of thirty and forty years ago when affirmative action was born, this policy may have had a positive effect in countering extreme and racist views. But I fail to imagine many racist admissions officers at universities today unless they are forced to be by racist policy. Thus, race should no longer be in the equation for admission to universities. America has seen enough racial inequality. Affirmative action has got to go.

--Ben Long
Class of 2003

Expand cultural awareness

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were asked, "Who is Nikki Giovanni?" I was baffled why a professor in an art class would ask such a question and thought, "who doesn't know who she is?" Well, I happened to be one of the only people who knew about this amazing Black woman writer. I embarked on a quest to spread more information about Black authors. The fact remains that in this country, Black history is something that is celebrated for one month out of the year. Most of the students at this

school live in areas that are deficient in a Black population. Therefore, one month out of the year some are forced to be

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confronted with the other half.

This ignorance is spawned not out of want but out of a lack of exposure. For three years, I dedicated myself solely to the growth of the Black

Students Association. I have stepped back this year because I became discouraged among other reasons. Now I am working hard again at making sure that the Black Students Association can be a wealth of knowledge for the Muhlenberg community. This month will mark the start of the Black Authors Book Club. Although other races should be celebrated, we need to take baby steps. So take some time this month to expand your awareness. There is another community growing around you. Keep your eyes open.

Students decide between off campus housing and lottery

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

With paper work and housing tours ahead, students are beginning the process of finding their new home for next semester. Including the College-owned sorority and fraternity housing, approximately 1,800 students remain on campus at the College. As a result of being a largely res-

"We want to give students as many outlets as possible to get the information that they need."

Aaron Bova, Asst. Director of Housing Services

idential school, the housing process often causes much confusion. In order to answer all questions and keep students updated and informed, housing is using several new sources of information this year.

According to Aaron Bova, Asst. Director of Housing Services, the

majority of problems caused during the housing process are a result of missed deadlines. Accordingly, Bova is utilizing a number of resources in order to communicate housing information to students. Students are now informed of important deadlines through the mailings housing sends out, as well as through the College's message board, channel 5 television and Q&A information sessions that Bova will be setting up in the General's Quarters area.

Furthermore, housing now has its first website, which will include printable versions of housing applications. Students can access the housing website by visiting the College's website. If students find themselves too busy to stop by the office, they can simply send the application via e-mail or fax.

According to Bova, "We

want to give students as many outlets as possible to get the information that they need." Besides helping students on campus, this website will be especially useful to students abroad, who often feel out of touch with the housing process.

Bova has also enacted a monthly newsletter, "The Housing News," which students will receive in their mail boxes. The newsletter will include important reminders for upcoming dates, and will answer some commonly asked questions. Because housing rumors tend to cause a lot of frustration, Bova hopes to distill some of these rumors through the newsletter. "We want to get rid of tension over the unknown," he said.

Because the lottery system is based on chance and

houses offer more independence to students, upperclassmen often look to live off-campus or in MILE houses, which both require separate applications from the normal lottery system. "I hope to live off campus, which I am currently looking into, but if that does not work out, I will then look into a MILE house," said Jennifer Yateman '04. A limited number of students are accepted by Housing Services to move off campus entirely, so many stu-

dents then consider MILE houses.

"I think that the lottery system is oftentimes frustrating and puts people in a difficult situation," explained Yateman. "By choosing to live off campus, I would be happy not to have to deal with the housing process on campus."

Yateman also explained that, "I would like to have the responsibility and inde-

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Students can live in Robertson Hall after going through the on campus lottery process or applying for special interest housing.

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Academic Warning helps curb student Probation

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students who were placed on Academic Probation were examined three years ago and certain warning signs of academic difficulty emerged. Students that show these signs of being at risk for Academic Probation are now put on Academic Warning before the problem persists.

Qualifications for Academic Warning and Probation are based on cumulative grade point average (GPA) and the number of attempted course units. Shiner Wilson explained that attempted course units are not necessarily earned units. They could represent failing grades. Students put on Academic Warning have a GPA of 1.5 or lower after attempting five or less course units, a GPA of 1.8 or less after five to ten attempted course units, and a GPA of 2.0 or less after over ten attempted course units. Shiner Wilson said that Academic Warning

helps by making students aware of their difficulties, and many never go on Academic Probation after they receive the Academic Warning.

If students' grades worsen after being put on Academic Warning, they may be put on Academic Probation. Students on Academic Probation have a GPA of 1.2 or less after five or less attempted course units, a GPA of 1.5 or lower after five to ten attempted course units, a GPA of 1.8 or less after ten to 16 attempted course units, and a GPA of less than 2.0 after attempting over 16 units. Students are monitored throughout the probation period. If the transcript shows no evidence of a turnaround in grades and it is mathematically impossible for the student to graduate without being taken off Academic Probation, that student is dismissed for academic reasons.

Shiner Wilson said that dismissal should not be a

surprise to the student because he or she would have received letters declaring their Academic Probation status and other faculty members such as professors and advisors would have talked to him or her. She explained that she would like every student on Academic Probation and Academic Warning to meet with her, though not everyone responds to the letters or phone calls. She added, however, that some students meet with her on a regular basis to report on their progress.

Shiner Wilson said, "There are so many opportunities for students who need assistance to get assistance." She suggests that students contact professors, Academic Support Services, the Writing Center, counseling services, athletic coaches and RAs. She commented, "There are so many avenues of support, but students need to have the desire to seek assistance and to take ownership of their

own education." For those students who have real potential but lack the maturity or readiness to succeed, Shiner Wilson suggests that they take a leave of absence to break bad cycles and come back committed to their education.

Students on Academic Warning and Probation receive midterm grades from professors just as all first-year students do.

Academic Warning and Probation does

not technically affect a student's participation in extracurricular activities. There is no college-wide policy for any extracurricular activity participation, including sports. Shiner Wilson said, however, that in some instances faculty members such as coaches or theater production faculty suggest that students focus more on their schoolwork and take a break from their

extracurricular activities.

Shiner Wilson expressed that individuals who get removed from Academic Warning and Probation put a lot of time and effort into changing their habits. She said, "I appreciate that it can be hard to do, but we are here with every resource

"I respect the students who struggle. Those are the ones who get off of Academic Warning and Probation."

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life

possible." On one graduation day, one student who had been on Academic Probation thanked her. She responded with, "I didn't do it—you did it."

She believes that students who take charge and work hard can succeed. She commented, "I respect the students who struggle. Those are the ones who get off of Academic Warning and Probation."

Professor receives Hoffman Research Fellowship

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

Dr. Bruce D. Anderson, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the College, has been awarded the Donald B. Hoffman Research Fellowship. The Fellowship offers him a two course reduced teaching load.

This means that Anderson will teach only one course during the 2003-2004 academic year and will focus most of his time on his research. Anderson's research is currently focused on the carbon dioxide laser enhanced synthesis of organic compounds. In other words, Anderson uses a laser to induce chemical reactions among various

substances. For example, one of his experiments involves using a laser to induce a reaction among solid phase reactants, a process that does not occur under most circumstances. Anderson said that he hopes to "make something using lasers that cannot be made otherwise." Another aim of his project is to increase the yield of reactions using lasers.

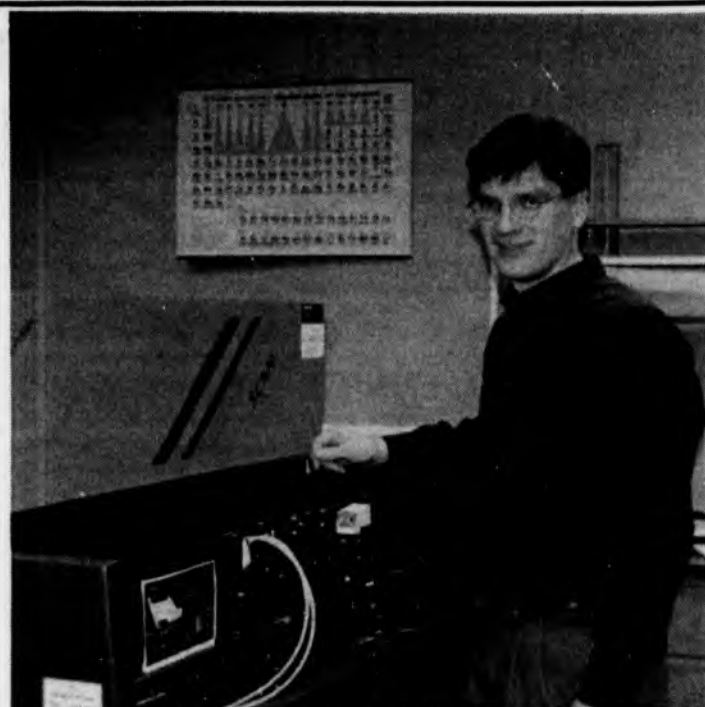
As part of the fellowship, Anderson will mentor a student researcher. He encourages students interested in lasers and their effects on reactions to speak to him about becoming a part of this project.

The Donald B. Hoffman Research Fellowship was created to encourage faculty members to engage in

"scholarship, research or creative activity that results in publication, performance or exhibition while enhancing the reputation of the College."

The selected member of the faculty's course load is reduced by two courses for both semesters of an academic year, thus allotting a greater proportion of time for research and investigation.

When asked to comment on his expectations, Anderson said, "[The research] is going to be a lot fun and I'm grateful to have the chance to devote so much time to do research. This is a particularly rare opportunity at a college like Muhlenberg, where most of the faculty spend their time focused on teaching."



Dr. Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Chemistry, works with a carbon dioxide laser in his research.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

A look at the housing process

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pendence, which will make for an easier transition when I graduate."

In order to be eligible to live off campus, students must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and be in good judicial standing. While off-campus applications are currently available, MILE house applications will not be available until Feb 10.

Often, the biggest problem in the off campus housing process, according to Bova, is when students sign a lease before they are approved.

For students, finding an acceptable off campus house is not always easy. "It is a difficult search to find an off campus house, though there are definitely some available," said Yateman.

According to Yateman, "It depends exactly what one is looking for. I have found a few, but they have not thrilled me, so I am continuing to look at other houses."

Some students choose to join together for special interest housing on campus. According to Bova, Residential Services will be continuing to offer students special interest housing, although there are several important requirements that make the process more selective than most housing

options.

Jeffrey Kraft '05 is applying with several other students to live in a special interest MILE house for the Anti-Bias club. "We have an interview and an application to fill out, so it could be a little difficult," said Kraft. Bova also explained that the special interest groups must be an active group on campus to qualify for the housing.

By now, most upperclassmen are familiar with the lottery process. For first-year students, however, this will be their first experience with the system. Since the freshman class is so large, and the majority of them will stay on campus, their lottery session is split into four time slots by lottery number.

This will help to alleviate the frustration of standing in line for hours that was experienced with the class of 2005.

For the largest class to register for housing, Bova offers some advice to the Class of 2006: "Be patient. Having patience on the night of lottery is the most important thing."

He also suggests that first-year students talk to upperclassmen about their housing preferences. And to the rest of the campus Bova advises, "Stay informed. Read the literature and be aware of upcoming deadlines."

Sorority gains national recognition

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that already exists at the College.

"The Declaration was presented to the national board by Nicole [Taylor] in December and we were accepted," said Boydston.

The sorority hopes to perform various community service activities, including immigrant tutoring at the Catholic Social Agency in Allentown and volunteering at the Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown.

"Theta Nu Xi is a different kind of Greek organization because it is a sisterhood defined by its inclusiveness rather than its exclusiveness, and I think that that's a healthy approach to achieving the progressive campus climate that we should all be striving to attain," said Christopher Kovats-Bernat, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and faculty advisor to the new sorority.

Kovats-Bernat accepted the position of becoming the faculty advisor because of the positive impact he feels the sorority will have at the College.

"The reason I signed on as faculty advisor is in part because I have a firm commitment to building up those student institutions that support a communal

ethic on campus, institutions that I believe best fill the void vacated by organizations that have lost their charters for one reason or another," he said. "I don't mourn the loss of any organization that fosters separatism and serial abuse, and I applaud those organizations that foster diversity and intercultural understanding."

The founders of the sorority include Boydston, Kristin Fernandez '03, Jenna Gross '05, Lisa M Kowalski '06, Ashley Kramer '05, Christina Liciaga '05, Kristen Lundy '05, Marissa Salemi '03, Kate Scalzo '04, Cindy Tepper '05, Julie J Villegas '05, Liz Pelberg '05, Rebecca Marchosky '04 and Jessica Walsh '05. There are also over twenty girls who have expressed interest in joining the sorority at this point.

"You don't have to be a sister to be involved in the community service activities," said Boydston. "We hope that individuals who are not in the sorority will get involved with us and even make suggestions for future activities."

According to Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students / Director of Greek Life, the national headquarters for Theta Nu Xi has not yet

been in contact with the College, though Boydston spoke with Hurd and Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, about bringing the sorority on campus.

Hurd confirmed that the College is trying to promote Greek life, and the College supports the idea of a new sorority on campus.

"Contrary to popular belief, the College has been very supportive of Greek life. If we were not, we would not have allowed Phi Kappa Tau to recolonize in 2001 or have brought Delta Tau Delta to campus in 1998," said Hurd.

"If and when a new sorority or fraternity come to campus, they will operate under the same conditions and guidelines as existing fraternities and sororities. First-year students will be ineligible, and a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average would be needed to rush," said Hurd.

In two weeks, a colonizing team from the national sorority will come to campus, and information sessions will be held for all those who are interested in the sorority.

The founders of Theta Nu Xi plan to have the sorority's first rush class next fall along with the other sororities and fraternities on campus.

Church globalization panel discussion opens borders

By DANIELLE MARCANTUONO
Weekly News Writer

Opinions and thoughts about the challenges people of faith face when encountering people of other cultures were expressed at a panel discussion entitled, "Go Ye Therefore: One Church's Experience with Globalization" on Monday. Led by Chaplain Peter Bredlau, the panel concentrated the discussion on the global efforts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The panel included Reverend Kim Erno, Director of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) programs at the Lutheran Center in Mexico City, Mexico; Dr. Erika Sutherland, Assistant Professor of Spanish; Charles Mohn, member of the ELCA Companion Synod Program; Reverend Elizabeth Senft, former staff member of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; Reverend Michael Peters of The Trinity Lutheran Church in Robeson, Pa.; and Dr. Kathryn Wolford, President of Lutheran World Relief.

Bredlau began by stating that, "We decided to have a

specific focus on the Lutheran Church, but I think that the themes and ideas that are raised here tonight are applicable and will be applicable to faith communities of many different types."

Erno spoke of his work at The Lutheran Center in Mexico City and explained that the Center's main focus is to explore and foster an understanding of the Latin American way of life on an economic, social and theological level.

The Center lies in the heart of a struggling community full of dwellers that must make their homes from volcanic rock.

He explained that devastating effects have been rendered upon the Mexican economy in large part by the activation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994. "The article was intended to keep the land from ever being sold so that it could be passed from generation to generation, but due to the amendment the land can now be sold," said Erno.

He concluded that the hope of The Lutheran Center is to help others understand in light of these devastating circumstances that there is human worth or value that extends beyond the nature of one's economic status.

"My goal in this panel is

perhaps best summed up by the bumper sticker: 'Think Globally, Act Locally,'" said Sutherland. She described the Lehigh Valley as "a mini globe where borders still are present, and were borders are often crossed without passing through border control," as she spoke of the College's efforts as well as her own to interact and connect with the local Latin American community.

Sutherland's church has founded a support group for local immigrants, which aims to provide the newcomers to America with support. "We help people to connect with one another through shared interests, even though their origins might be very different," she said.

Sutherland also went on to explain the importance of student involvement within such programs. "When students give service to their community, be it here or be it when they're abroad, they realize that they are getting much more in return," said Sutherland.

Senft spoke about her work with refugees in which she told the story of a Somolian immigrant and his family. "Imagine having nothing to do in a refugee camp for six years, but to wait in line for food," said Senft.

She explained that out of the 14 million refugees in

this world, only half of one percent will make it into the U.S.

Peters was a missionary in Japan during a time in which the U.S. government heavily promoted the sale of cigarettes and American cars to the Japanese.

"Ford and General Motors didn't even bother to make cars with the steering wheels on the other side, and they were literally being pushed down the throats of the Japanese people," said Peters. "If you can't leave your cultural baggage here in the United States when you go overseas, then don't go. You need to be able to respect the people, the culture and where they are. We don't try to change anyone to make them worthy of the Gospel."

Wolford summarized the main point of the panel's thoughts. "When one asks, is globalization good or bad, the definitive answer is yes," she said, while reflecting upon the positive impacts that globalization may have on faith based organizations, as well as negative effects it may have on the economy.

Addressing the College Community, Wolford said, "One person's letter or vote does make a difference. Don't undersell yourself because believe me, senators are looking at the volume of mail they are getting. We all can make a difference."

OFF CAMPUS

Minersville - A federal appeals court has cleared the way for a new trial in the case of a Minersville teen who shot himself to death in 1997. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals supported a lower judge, who ruled against a jury verdict that cleared police of violating Marcus Wayman's privacy. Lawyers for Minersville and its Police Department had asked the court to reverse a decision by U.S. District Judge Arnold R. Rapoport, who last June threw out the verdict. Wayman shot himself allegedly because the police threatened to tell the 18-year-old's friends and family he was gay.

Allentown - The more than 600 Pennsylvania Douglas firs that brightened Allentown this past holiday season end up as mulch or compost, says John Fasolka, parks superintendent for Allentown. City employees collected the trees last month and hauled them to the Allentown Yard Waste West recycling site off Fish Hatchery Road. There, they joined thousands of other Christmas trees collected from curbs after being discarded by residents. This past season, the city bought 700 tree tops for about \$7,000 from White Christmas Tree Farms in Slatington. The tops, about 5 to 6 feet long, are cut from trees that are flawed or not growing well.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 12	High: 32 Low: 20	High: 36 Low: 16

Spring Break



College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on February 28th, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on March 9th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.!

There will be

no access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a \$15.00 per day charge.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by **every** student who stays **ever** those listed above. Forms are available on-line at www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv or in the Office of Residential Services and are due by February 19, 2003. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Free speech possible even on private college campus

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the state constitution and have had it used in court to protect the free expression rights of students at private institutions. Despite its use in some court cases, there has been no ruling on its validity in the state constitution to date.

Max Davidson, the College's legal counsel, stat-

private institutions are not subject to a lot of laws and regulations of a public institution." Dr. Alton Slane, Head of the Department of Political Science, explained that "the federal constitution limits the exercise of government power not private power," which gives the College's right to regulate the First Amendment rights of students on campus.

"The Bill of Rights is there to provide what the government can do, not private institutions."

Dr. Alton Slane, Head of Political Science

ed that the reason that private institutions like the College can limit their students' rights is because "pri-

Any student who spends time at a private institution is limited to the laws that are set forth in the constitutions of that private institution.

Because of the College's status as a private institution, the College is free to dictate its own rules with

regard to the right to free speech and force its members to uphold those laws set forth by the College. Slane stated that the College can legally do this because "the Bill of Rights is there to provide what the government can do, not private institutions."

Davidson expressed his faith in the College's policy concerning the right to free speech.

Davidson explained that he is confident with the school's current policy towards students hanging signs and notices, as well as its policy towards assembly to verbally express concerns. He said most signs that are hung are allowed; however, with regards to "something that is blatantly anti-Semitic, the College

may take steps to remove it."

With regards to the College's policy towards student publications, the handbook states that student publications are an integral part of learning and therefore

"makes possible student publications protected by constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and freedom of the press."

Davidson further emphasized his trust in the College's policy of free speech with regard to freedom of press and stated, "The College administration has pretty much taken its hands off when it comes

towards the newspaper publishing what it wants."

Although it can hurt students to have private institu-

"The school certainly has taken a wider view of free speech during the Steffy administration."

Max Davidson, the College's legal counsel

tions stifle free expression and deprive them of a necessary part of the learning process, it can be helped with a College that respects the free speech rights of its students.

Davidson went on to comment that in his opinion, "The school certainly has taken a wider view of free speech during the Steffy administration."

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 28 - Minor Vehicle Accident - An accident occurred on the front drive of campus when two drivers failed to pay attention to the road ahead of them. After exchanging paint the drivers felt it was appropriate to exchange insurance information.

Jan. 29 - Sick Student - There was a sick student in Taylor Hall who refused transport to the hospital at the peak of his illness. There have been no reported deaths.

Jan. 29 - Fire Alarm - A vacuum cleaner that was filled to its tiny capacity exploded in East Hall and caused the fire alarm to sound because of the dust in the air.

Jan. 30 - Sick Employee - An employee of Haas complained of feeling faint. The employee was then transported to the safe confines of the Health Center.

Jan. 30 - Fire - Debris that was left on the burner of 2206 Chew St. ignited and filled the house with smoke until the fire alarms sounded and the proper authorities assisted the occupants in putting out the flames.

Jan. 31 - Animal Complaint - A cat that has been sparking feelings of

hatred towards itself by the occupants of 2206 Gordon St. has been informed that it can no longer roam the College property. The owner has one week to sacrifice the cat.

Feb. 1 - Attempted Theft - A LCD projector in Trumbower was found missing after campus authorities had secured the building.

Feb. 1 - Vandalism - The famous prowler who stole the posters from Seegers a week ago struck again and attempted to steal another one of the posters that are so valuable. After being identified in the act, the suspect dropped the poster in its frame, smashing it on the ground and proceeded to escape the grips of Campus Safety.

Feb. 1 - Nose Complaint/ Disorderly Conduct - One student of MacGregor was reported in violation of the noise policy and was also charged with Disorderly Conduct. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process for his actions.

Feb. 1 - Lost Check - A check was lost by its owner in Prosser Hall and was later located after a daylong manhunt around campus.

Feb. 1 - Fire Alarm - Smoke from a gourmet meal, prepared by amateur

chef Galen Mooney '03, that was going to be served momentarily at 2216 Liberty St. signaled a fire alarm to be set off.

Feb. 1 - Fire Alarm - After a small fire erupted and engulfed the house at 2208 Chew St. the brave occupants doused the flames with a fire extinguisher to save their home and their lives.

Feb. 2 - Fire/Safety Violation - Two students basking in the smoke of their fresh grown incense were alarmed out of their state of relaxation by the knock of Campus Safety and a fine that inevitably depleted the state of peace. In addition to being dealt a fine they were also referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism - The blue light cover atop the yellow call box in the archway of East Hall was torn from its place of recognition as the light of hope and thrown to the ground.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism - The rampage of the blue lights continued this night with another blue light found down and out of action at Walz Hall.

Feb. 2 - Vehicle Violation/Intoxicated Person - A student who was of the age of 21 was stopped

for driving while under the influence. The student was transferred to the hospital for evaluation.

Feb. 2 - Theft - College property was destroyed on 26th and Liberty and stolen when the blue light rampage continued into the night.

Feb. 2 - Fire Alarm - A burnt pizza was burning up in a microwave oven of a student in Prosser Hall. The fire alarm sounded and the first-year students took to the streets.

Feb. 2 - Failure to Comply - Seven students of the famed burnt pizza incident failed to evacuate Prosser Hall and were issued fines for their refusal.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism - The cigarette filled ashtray of Parents Plaza was knocked to its side.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism - A light fixture was found broken in Prosser Hall.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism to Vehicle - One of the College's Dodge Vans suffered outer layer damage as a rock was chucked straight through its window in the Martin Luther Hall parking lot.

Feb. 2 - Lost Property - An unfortunate student misplaced a cell phone in

Prosser Hall and has no known whereabouts of it.

Feb. 2 - Suspicious Person - A group of out of place looking persons was seen on the loading dock of Seegers Union.

Feb. 2 - Vehicle Violation - A student was in violation of continuous vehicle violations and will be issued a boot to fit the violating car.

Feb. 2 - Vehicle Violation - A student of Benfer hall was in violation of numerous parking violations and expressed refusal to pay the fines verbally to campus police when it was stated that the tickets were never going to be paid.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism - Some graffiti that had been on the wall of the Health Center for quite some time now has still not been cleaned.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism - Two blue light covers of fire alarms in Prosser Hall were taken as souvenirs.

Feb. 3 - Harassment by Communication - A reported harassment was filed on 330 N. 22nd Street. There is an investigation in progress.

Feb. 3 - Vandalism - Graffiti written in dust on the window of the Communications Building stated "Gay Wack".

WEEKLY

Life!**"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else."****-Emily Dickinson****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST FEAR?****"Snakes."**

Stacy Lipschutz '06

"Fear itself."

Lori Vroegindewey '04

**"White socks with black shoes."**

-Amma Osei '05

"Being attacked by Oprah."

Bobby Kovach '06



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"All of us are related; each of us is unique" exhibit discussed by panel

Erynn Summers '06 reads from the exhibit on display outside of the Garden Room.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

The Center for Ethics sponsored a faculty panel discussion based on the poster exhibit "All of us are related; each of us is unique" currently on display in Seegers. According to the Center for Ethics website, "This exhibit calls into question race as a biological category and offers visual and textual evidence that human bodily differences are not well categorized in terms of race." Dr. Bruce Wightman of the Biology department spoke about the scientific differences between race, Dr. Sue Curry Jansen of the Communication department focused on race and ethnicity in media and Dr. Pearl Rosenberg of the Education department talked about acknowledging race.

Wightman explained that people have historically attempted to assign different characteristics to different races. This practice has become more precise and quantitative in the last ten

to fifteen years. Scientists have found that our genetic sequences are not that different across races. The human being has about 40,000 genes, and more than 39,000 are all identical. There are more differences among gorillas and among chimpanzees than among humans, probably because humans migrated a lot. There are no sharp boundaries between humans; there is rather a continuum of diversity. Researchers have been able to break down the species into six groups; there is no reason for any further divisions. The groups are divided by geographic region: Africa, Europe (including the Middle East and South East, Asia), East Asia, Kolash (a region of Pakistan), Oceania and America (meaning original Americans). Wightman explained that what people "really are may not be what they think they are." African-Americans have European genetics in them; white Southerners have African genes.

Wightman also talked

about the medical applications of understanding race on a biological level. He used as an example the success rate of certain drugs. A drug may be effective eighty percent of the time; twenty percent of the population may have a genetic resistance to the drug. Understanding genetic differences will aid in medical treatment.

Jansen noted that "even if we decide race fictitious, we have to recognize that racism is a reality." She said that race is a social category, and she noted that when they first arrived in America, the Irish, Italians and Jews were not considered white. Jansen spoke about the history of racism in media, informing audiences that *Birth of a Nation*, the highest grossing film for twenty-two years until Disney's *Snow White* in 1937, is blatantly racist. *Nation* is a glorification of the Ku Klux Klan. Jansen highlighted the fact that as long as racism remained profitable, the film was seen on the air.

Jansen also spoke about the make up of the Writers Guild, which for years was comprised of affluent white men who were supposed to represent an entire culture on television. If one wants fair and balanced representations in media, there needs to be a fair and balanced representation among those who create.

Finally, Rosenberg spoke about color blindness and acknowledging race. She explained that embracing color by pretending there is no color does not help. She noted that white color is the hidden norm by which all others are judged, and that white people tend to be more racially tolerant in surveys than in one on one interviews. She focused on

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We're off to the diner...again!

Chris's Family Diner: A Greek tea party you'd be better off missing

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Never trust a clean diner. That's what one might think after going to Chris's Family Diner on Tilghman Street. Despite a few perks, this establishment is not as fabulous as its squeaky clean appearance might suggest.

Chris's Family Diner is Greek-owned, and stereotypically, one would expect it to be quite tidy and sanitary. Chris's exceeds any expectations and is "borderline immaculate," according to Dave Sobotkin. The mirrored ceilings clearly reflect the happenings below, and the clear, soft atmosphere is lit by fancy, spider-like light fixtures—a far cry from neon tube lights. The colors of the pale pink blinds grace the windows, and the jade booths are wound into the subtle, yet engaging tones of the well-vacuumed carpet.

Despite the pleasing atmosphere, even Chris's cannot escape the fake



Chris's has a sparkling clear, pleasant atmosphere, and is one of the cleanest diners around.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Sobotkin quickly noticed how thin the coffee cups were, saying, "I feel dainty. And then I'm going to pose a rhetorical question: 'Am I at a tea party?'" The cups did not keep the coffee or tea very warm, and when the waitress first brought the drinks, she forgot the tea itself. In the end, the coffee experience was not a good sign for either service or plate-ware.

When the food finally arrived, what first captured everyone's attention were the fairly large portions. Unfortunately, large doesn't always mean good as many women know. The turkey sandwich, for instance, came with tons of chips and a lot of meat, but the bread was very

stale on the edges. It rated a 6.5 out of 10.

Schatz ordered an egg-white omelet which had "very hearty ingredients," including a large amount of spinach and mushrooms. Her meal proved to be "really, really good" and rated a 9; however, Matt Meyers' omelet only rated a 4. Meyers said, "it didn't come with home fries, which was disappointing...it doesn't come with anything." As for taste, Meyers disliked the eggs for the prepackaged

taste.

Jess Skrocki rated her meal, a grilled cheese sandwich, as a 5. "One side of it was nice and crispy, but the other side was somewhat spongy." She, however, was "impressed with the size of the plate. I had chips and I had pickles."

Sobotkin's hamburger was

less than impressive. The meat was not of fantastic quality, and as he ate, Sobotkin remarked, "it's becoming more and more like a hockey puck with every single bite." He rated his meal as a 3.

While it would have been nice to give the waitress the benefit of the doubt, she clearly wasn't doing her job. She would wander aimlessly past the table, but never asked if anyone needed anything, including coffee or water refills. As Meyers said, "I didn't get my cream with my refill, but by the time I asked for another refill I could have milked a cow and pasteurized [the milk]." Once in a blue moon the waitress would mutter, "Do you guys want anything else?" but this was quite rare. So just how bad was the service? "What service?" was the group response. The rating was a 3.

As far as a little extras, Chris's has a dessert carousel, a single pathetic

video game in the lobby, and backs on the stools at the counter. The server did also offer a carafe of coffee, but it had a horrible spout on it and didn't arrive at the table until half an hour into the meal. For general ambience, the diner "resembles a trip to the dentist; nearly immaculate and the soft sounds of Kenny G. in the background," said Sobotkin. For cleanliness the diner rated a 9.

The diner was average in many aspects, including value. The entire meal cost just over \$30 including tip. The grilled cheese was cheap at \$1.95, but the egg white omelet was extremely expensive, costing \$5.95. The turkey sandwich was \$4.60, which is expensive for something with stale bread.

In summary, there is only one thing to say about Chris's: "You guys ought not to go there."

Overall rating for service, cleanliness, and taste: **5.42**



Chris's is open 24 hours, but that's about all it has to its name.

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flower trend. An array of fake roses, complete with fake water droplets, come in every color, including aqua. When shaken, the flowers rattled, providing entertainment. "Not only is it a flower, but it's a maraca," said Rachel Schatz. These flowers appeared just as real as the server's personality was exciting: it wasn't.

After the waitress, who was an emotionless gal with questionable linguistic skills, asked for the orders and brought the drinks,

Ed Bara showcased in recital

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

For those who are not aware, the College is full of professors who are very talented in their fields. Unfortunately, it is not often enough that these people get the opportunity to showcase that talent for the college community. Last weekend, however, voice teacher Ed Bara had the chance to do just that. He gave a breathtaking hour-long solo performance of a variety of pieces in Egner Memorial Chapel. Mr. Bara was joined on the piano by world-famous accompanist Mr. Jeffrey Miller.

The layout of the program was arranged very well. The first half consisted of operatic pieces in French, Italian and German by such composers as Puccini, Mozart, Wagner and Verdi. The second part of the concert was devoted to pieces from such musicals as *Oliver!*, *Les Miserables* and *My Fair Lady*. The strengths of this concert's plans were its carefully

ordered variety and its great pace. Bara's choice to do many shorter songs kept more of one's attention than a few rather long pieces would have. This is a decision to be commended not only for its capacity to sustain interest, but also because it displayed that Bara's incredible talent does not need a lengthy piece to show itself in full.

Mr. Bara's most impressive skill besides his strong, rich vocalizing was his clarity and mastery of the pronunciations for each language in which he performed. The recital's written program outlined texts for each of the operatic selections in their original languages as well as English translations. One could very easily follow Bara's crisp words for immediate translation.

Additionally, Bara has a wonderful ability to portray the emotions of each song very clearly through his deeply expressive facial and body gestures. Even if one had simply wanted to watch Mr. Bara perform and not

follow the exact meanings of the pieces, his portrayal of each piece's mood was still clear based on Bara's expressions and movements.

There was only one brief time during the program when it seemed as though the selections did not favorably match Mr. Bara's voice. He sang one piece each from the musicals *Oklahoma!* and *Paint Your Wagon* and during each song, it was noticeable that Bara's full, operatic voice did not quite match the rather laidback, relaxed tones of the songs. Despite this, however, Bara carried them out with excellent animation and very rich sounds.

Bara's performance of the song "My Name" from the Broadway musical *Oliver!* was delivered with the perfect level of power and intimidation necessary for that song's success. Overall, the concert given by Ed Bara was one that any music lover would have been thrilled to experience. His remarkable talent was more than apparent in this brief recital.

These four walls: Rules for dorm etiquette: "Pardon me, would you kindly stop tap dancing in your room?"

BY JESSICA GREENBLATT AND
RACHEL SCHATZ
Weekly Staff Writer and
Life! Editor

How many times have you walked into the bathroom in your dorm, only to hear two people yelling back and forth in the showers? You try to tune out the conversation--which probably has something to do with who had sex with whom over the weekend. As you brush your teeth, you are once again frustrated that you are unable to perform your bathroom rituals in peace. You may possibly be one of those people in the shower who likes to talk about your love life at the top of your lungs while using the loofah.

RAs sometimes neglect to tell their residents of the unwritten rules of dorm etiquette that are probably a good idea to follow, especially on a small campus like Muhlenberg's. Students see the people that live on their halls without make-up and hear their dirty gossip in the bathroom. Yet students also see their hallmates romping around campus outside of the dorm. In public they may be dressed to the hilt and civilly smiling, yet they may have divulged their deepest dark secrets somewhere on the hall. Word to the wise:

watch what you say outside of your room. Do you really want everyone to know all to know about how much you partied Saturday night, or what guy or girl you hooked up with and don't remember? It is a good idea to keep shower gossip to a minimum, for your own good as well as for those hallmates who want to wash their faces in solitude. Keep in mind that the bathroom is not a spill-your-guts common room.

Get in, do your thing, and get out. If you are one of those people who likes to talk on the phone while on the paying homage to the porcelain throne, just remember that it looks very strange to the rest of the people on your floor when they hear you talking to yourself in a stall.

Obviously, keeping the volume of chatter and music to a minimum on the hall is appreciated by those who realize that college is a place of higher learning. Bans on hall sports and



Adam Schieffer '06 gives an example of how one should not act according to roommate etiquette.

PHOTO BY MARK ROGOL

basketball tournaments are often ignored, and Dance Dance Revolution parties frequently occur in the dorms. Regardless of these activities' entertainment and exercise value, they do also create unnecessary noise pollution. For those who need more than four hours of sleep a night or those who need to actually study for their exams, these activities can be highly disruptive at any point during the day, so just be courteous

and use caution with your balling and PlayStation obsessions.

When living in a crowded situation with other hormonally challenged young adults, phone calls at odd hours may qualify as violations of dorm room etiquette. Along the same lines, late night phone calls can be a huge bother for those students with roommates. It goes without saying that if a friend from California calls at 3 a.m., it is a good idea to take the call in the hallway. Many people seem to think if one whispers, his or her roommate will no doubt stay asleep.

Students have been known to building a barricade around their beds or down the middle of their rooms with sheets or poster board to block a roommate's mess, noise, pimply face or sexual escapades from view. Despite raging hormones

and limited living space, someone should never subject a roommate to witnessing unholy acts of the teenage sex drive. If you need somewhere to be intimate with that new girl or boy you met at a frat party, get a room, but make sure that no one is in it first.

Residence halls are chock-full of people from all over the country with diverse interests, activities and personalities. Combining such varied sorts together in the dorm melting pot may have a recipe for disaster, but it doesn't have to be that way. Following simple, common sense dorm guidelines will enable all who live in the dorms to cohabitate in a peaceful environment. Students spend much time in their rooms and halls, and it is important to feel at home there. So remember, the dorm is shared among many students, and it is essential that everyone respect each other's right to privacy and comfort.

The fun of a snowball without wetting your mittens

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

With the new year, campus activities have come back with a vengeance. The latest event which kept the campus rocking till the wee hours of the morning was the Snow Ball, held by the Muhlenberg Activities Council this past Friday.

The dance lasted for four hours, and during the course of those hours, students danced, drank mocktails and were even able to get their pictures inserted into snowball key chains.

Becky Grace, head of student activities, stated that she felt that the dance was very successful and that it had a great turnout. She also feels that the students truly had a great time. The Red Door is ideal for dances

like this due to the soft look and comfortable feel of the room as well as its spacious quality. "Even though the Valentine's Day dance will be held in the Garden Room, we hope to keep that same atmosphere that made the Snow Ball so great," says Grace.

Grace attributes a lot of the dance's success to publicity. "There wasn't a person on campus who didn't know about the Snow Ball," she claimed. A few weeks ago, the MAC Executive Board went on a retreat in which they discussed many ideas for publicity, ways of making events more fun and how to spread word of campus activities more effectively. This dance was the first event using these new tactics to attract more student involvement.

Everything from inflatable snowmen to serving snow cones was used and it appears that these new publicity and activity plans were successful.

The music started off nostalgically with the classic favorite of "Can't Touch This" by M.C. Hammer. The repertoire then shifted to modern dance music and ended with timeless eighties staples like the infamous "Electric Slide." Although there was a good deal of people that didn't know the choreography, there was always someone willing to lend a helping hand and if necessary, foot, to guide others.

Overall the dance was a great time. Good music, good people and good food always make for a snow-balling spectacular event.

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Aries

You find yourself falling head-over-heels in love with your Corporate Finance teacher. Do not entertain these notions! Even though he's extremely dreamy, batting your eyes and pursing your lips won't get you the A you truly deserve. Only you can help you. If not, just slip him \$20. That should do it.

Taurus

When your roommate finds out you've been wearing her underwear and prancing around in it while she is at the gym, she will not only think you're hilarious, but she'll want to start wearing your underwear too! If your thongs are that important to you, you may want to modify your fetishes a little.

Gemini

Your obsession with eighties memorabilia like skimpy Alf tee shirts, Muppet Baby shoe laces, and Blossom bustiers are getting out of hand. It's all you wear, and people are giving you strange looks. They should be because you are weird. Get some real clothes for a change. Power Rangers - not cool.

Cancer

You have no horoscope this week. You are a loser. Get a life.

Leo

So it turns out that the Health Center's most prescribed and strongly potent drug, salt, has the primely perfect viscosity to line the rim of your drinking glass. Just add a squeeze of lime and a drop of Blistex to enrich your salt experience to the max.

Virgo

Thinking of starting your very own boy band? Don't do it. Boy bands are old, and Justin Timberlake is surely no role model. He's just a Michael Jackson wanna-be with a ghetto white glove and fake sparkles. Don't tell anyone you like him. In fact, just don't speak at all. Ever again.

Libra

With temperatures plummeting, you find yourself more and more compelled to strip right on Academic Row. You've never been a risk taker before, so carpe diem!

Go for it. Hey, you may attract the attention you've been craving. Or you'll just be extradicted from society, but that's a bridge from which you'd be willing to leap.

Scorpio

You're single. That's really cool. Have you ever heard of the Rabbit? It's everyone's favorite buzzing friend! It requires only two double-A batteries. Have you heard of the Dolphin? That one is pleasing as well. Have you heard of the Wallabee? No? Neither have we.

Sagittarius

You are friends with a Cancer. Stop that nonsense right now. He's a loser and doesn't get a horoscope this week, so stop hanging out with him. Make some new friends. Check out a Libra. They like to be naked in public.

Capricorn

There are a lot of empty bottles in your room. Fill them with orange goop from the chem lab, throw in some Garden Room pepper, and jiggle it around until it's nice and

lumpy. You can tell everyone you are growing moldy molasses to house the college's population of fire ants. Hey, why not?

Aquarius

Starting fires in the garbage cans outside is really dangerous. In case you didn't know, fires are very hot and you can even burn yourself if you thrust your hand into one. Sometimes fire is cool, so enjoy and go nuts. You can torch to your roomies' Gucci shoes. Peace out, cub scout.

Pisces

You are one lucky mofo this week. You get the longest horoscope in the world! You have tons of friends, and even though The Weekly can't predict the future, you may just win the lottery! The only thing that is bad is that you shouldn't walk on any carpet or linoleum this week. If you find yourself stepping on these materials, stop and roll while you scream, "The aliens are eating my flesh!" Don't worry. They are just eating your fingernails, not your flesh.

What happened to my rock 'n' roll?

By EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

What ever happened to the Smashing Pumpkins? The quintessential nineties alternative rock super-heroes' song catalog included hits like "Today," "Disarm," "Zero" and "Bullet with Butterfly Wings." In December 2000, however, the group disbanded, leaving fans disheartened.

In the fall of 2001, the Pumpkins' former front man Billy Corgan's band, Zwan, arrived with the album *Mary Star of the Sea*. The group played a handful of small club shows in California. A small buzz began to surround the band, which includes Corgan, Pumpkins drummer Jimmy Chamberlain, former Chavez guitarist Matt Sweeney, former Slint guitarist Dave Pajo and bassist Paz Lenchantin from A Perfect Circle.

Zwan is not simply an outlet for Billy Corgan as a solo artist. The man may have a superiority complex, but the album's liner notes state who exactly wrote each song. In typical Corgan fashion, the album has fourteen tracks and a running length of 65 minutes. The album's length represents the mark of a man who can't stand to edit his own work. On some Pumpkins albums, the inability to edit long songs could be seen as their down-

fall, but with *Mary*, most songs are between three and four minutes with the exception of the album's centerpiece, the fourteen minute "Jesus I/Mary Star of the Sea." This track alone is worth the cost of the record, with twisting guitar lines set against the bombast of Chamberlain's drumming.

There are no weak songs on this album, but there are some production flaws that should be pointed out. A self-proclaimed perfectionist, Corgan likes to record guitar sounds, and it's not uncommon to find hundreds of overdubs on any one song. With three guitarists, though, sometimes the different tones end up sounding a bit dissonant, and it can be a bit of annoyance on the louder, distorted songs.

The album is stellar. Songs peak and crash back down while Corgan sings with a newfound certainty thanks to Paz Lenchantin, who has a better voice than anyone Corgan has sung with previously. He doesn't have the best lungs, but when combined with a strong feminine vocalist, it sounds quite powerful. The entire album is more confident in all facets, which makes *Mary Star of the Sea* easily the most exciting new release in months. Zwan have set precedence for the albums to be released in 2003 with this enjoyable and classic record.

Diversity and race in the college arena

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race at a more personal level, specifically the experiences her education students have when they go into the Allentown schools to student teach. She encouraged audience members to work through asking questions and not be afraid to ask a question. Jansen concurred. She said that some may say it's difficult to talk about race, so people tend to avoid talking about race altogether. She would argue *it is* difficult so we must talk about it.

There was a large turnout for the panel, possibly due in part to the publicity over the stolen posters. At the beginning of the discussion, Dr. Marjorie Hass, Director

of the Center for Ethics, said that two of the three posters had been returned. Near the end of the hour, Dean Ehrenberg arrived and announced that the third poster had also been returned. Hass believes the posters were stolen as a prank or simple act of vandalism. She noted that as a community, the College came together and offered the message that "this is not acceptable," and that not only professors but students were willing to convey the message. Hass said she was "delighted that pressure was there." Two of the posters are now back on the wall while the third is being reframed.

Hass expects to leave the exhibit up for a few more weeks. The College owns

the display, thereby allowing professors to use the display in the classes throughout the semester. Dr. Kathleen Haring of the psychology department is using the exhibit in her Psychological Statistics class. She explains, "[The display] fit very nicely with course material since we are discussing frequency distributions and how to display them graphically." She plans to use the exhibit again when she discusses overlapping distributions.

The Center for Ethics has another race-related event planned. Facilitators Bryon Johns and Corey Kupfer from Washington D.C. will lead participants in one-on-one discussions with panelists of various races later this month.

Men's basketball defeats McDaniel with ease

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comers on the team a chance to showcase their skills.

Freshman guard Drew Biri showed his resilience on the offensive end by grabbing an offense rebound from his own shot and banked it back in to put the Mules even farther in the lead. The Mules easily walked away with an eight-point win, 73-55.

Muhlenberg's unsung hero was Dennis Severino. Although Severino has only

scored twelve points this season, he came through for the Mules in their win against McDaniel. Overall, Severino shot five for nine from the field and two for two from the line, finishing with a career high of thirteen points and four rebounds.

Toomey Anderson had a well-balanced game as well, scoring thirteen points and leading the Mules in assists with five. Anderson also recorded seven rebounds.

The Mules dominated the Green Terror on the boards,

48-31, with the help from Seniors Anthony Strachan and Aaron Holden who chipped in eleven rebounds each. Strachan and Holden also both finished with double doubles, recording ten points and eleven rebounds each.

The Mules will be making two road trips this weekend and next week playing against Johns Hopkins Blue Jays (13-5, 4-3), on Saturday afternoon and also again against Haverford Fords (9-9, 4-3) on Wednesday night.

Next Week's Schedule

Saturday

Women's Basketball

Mules at Johns Hopkins

at 2:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Mules at Johns Hopkins

at 4:00 p.m.

Wrestling

Mules at Hunter with

York College and Lycoming College

at 12:00 p.m.

Indoor Track

Mules at Ursinus

for Grizzly Invitational

at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Women's Basketball

Mules at Haverford

at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Mules at Haverford

at 7:00 p.m.



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What else should you know?

Jobs are approximately 20 hours per week. In exchange students receive free tuition equal to half-time course load and a monthly stipend. Presidential Assistants must live OFF-CAMPUS (in housing other than college-owned residential options). Most seniors may not be eligible (because you are graduating), but tell a friend.

Can't make the sessions?

Stop by the OCPD for information packets.

Wrestlers take down another win

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mule wrestlers still have it as they defeated Washington & Lee, 35-13. Taking this victory gave the Mules (10-5, 3-1) wins in double-digits for the third straight season. This accomplishment made it the first time in Mule wrestling history to win at least ten in three consecutive years.

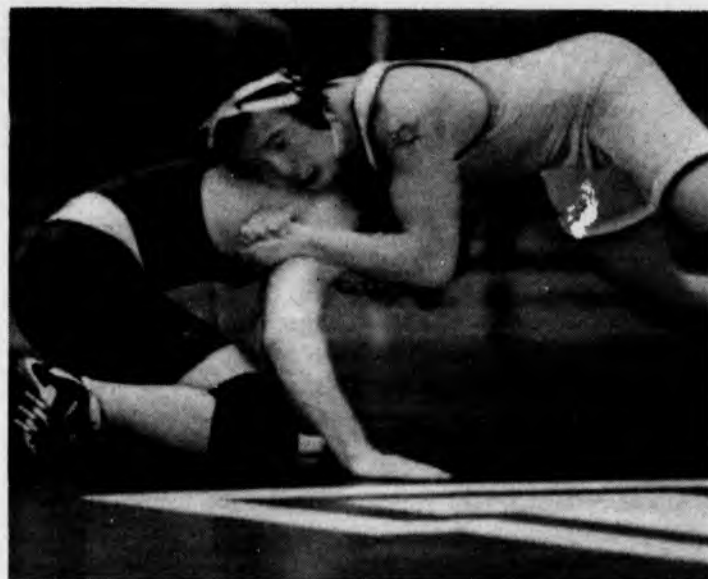
Freshman Dale Mills (149) won his bout against Washington & Lee's Sophomore Lucas Williams on a pin. Mills took 65 seconds to pin his opponent and extend his winning streak to fifteen, improving his season record to 26-5. His wins consist of seven pins and nine major decisions.

Senior Jed Wulfekotte (125) won on a pin as well taking down the General's Freshman Ben Everett. Wulfekotte's pin, which was the first for him this season, occurred with four seconds left in the second period.

Senior co-captains Nate Yeasted (141) and Joe Salerno (157) began the match by triumphing with major decisions before and after Mills' pin. It was the sixth career major decision for Yeasted and the eighth one for Salerno.

Junior Bill Cummins (184) contributed with a decision in addition to Jeremy Hart (133), Michael Bennett (197) and Josh Carter (HWT) who had forfeit wins.

The Mules will compete at Hunter with York College and Lycoming College on Saturday.



(Above) Senior Jed Wulfekotte puts his opponent in a headlock.

(Below) Wulfekotte straddles his opponent in midst of ending in a pin.

Mule Profile -- Anthony Strachan, a powerful leader of the men's basketball team

BY BRIAN FARRELLY
Weekly Sports Writer

As a two-year captain for the basketball team, Anthony Strachan has been through a lot and is extremely grateful for the chance to have played basketball at a collegiate level here at the 'Berg.

The forward out of Shawnee High School in Medford, NJ is having a good year, averaging fourteen points and eight rebounds for a team that is in a bit of a rebuilding stage.

College basketball for Anthony has been an extremely positive experience in many aspects. Not only has the team reached the Conferences while he has been on the team, but Strachan's said his best memory as a player was "the year we reached the conference championship."

In addition, the team has traveled to California as well as Spain, which is a unique and special experience for any type of college athlete. This year has had its strong points, such as the Christmas Tournament Championship at archrival Moravian's tournament, but the next few upcoming games are decisive in determining the outcome of the team's season.

Although the season may not end up as fulfilling and successful as previous ones for Anthony, this one will always be special because he is playing alongside his



Senior Anthony Strachan goes uncovered for a shot.

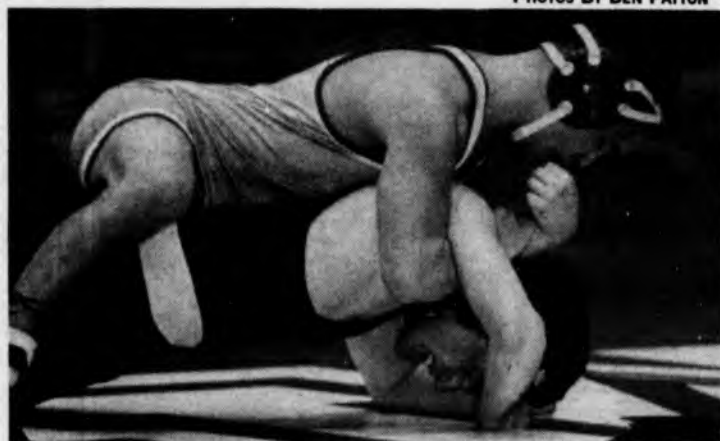
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brother, Chris, a freshman.

Anthony, a business major with a marketing entrepreneurship concentration, will have fond memories of his collegiate basketball career as he embarks on the business world. As soon as the basketball season is

over, he plans on getting resumes out to various businesses in the New York and New Jersey area. No matter what Anthony Strachan will always keep an eye on the basketball team, which has been a family for him over the last four years.

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Indoor track breaks two records and has three qualify for ECAC's

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

At the Fourth Annual Dick Deschriver Invitational last

weekend, three Muhlenberg relay teams qualified for the ECAC Championships while two set school records.

The first team to qualify for ECACs was composed of Freshmen Kate Isselee and Danielle Seiler, Sophomore Samantha Sachleben and Junior Diana Garretto. For the second week in a row, these females broke the 4x400m school record with a time of 4:12.56, taking off another three seconds to their previous time.

At the Invitational, hosted by East Stroudsburg, the men's 4x200m team took two hundredths of a second off the school record, which was set last year. Their time of 1:34.81 qualified them to compete in ECACs.

The team was made up of Freshman Drew Nishiyama, Juniors Benjamin Phillips and Joshua Cohen, and Sophomore John Brodowski. Brodowski and Cohen were also members of the 4x200m foursome who set the record last year.

The third team that qualified for ECACs with a time of 1:52.81 in the 4x200m was composed of Freshmen Kate Isselee and Danielle Seiler, Sophomore Ashlie Hankee and Junior Lesley Bruno.

Freshman Karen Mount finished second in the women's mile, with a time of 5:29.09. Freshman Alex Hotz was second in the 3,000m with a time of 9:09.40, and fourth in the mile for the men in 4:36.97. Teammate Brendan Gallagher finished eighth in the 3,000m with a time of 9:20.39, and fourth in the 5,000m in 16:13.01.

Tennis team petitions and takes stand to keep save their courts

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

When someone from the men or women's tennis team comes knocking at your door late at night to sign a petition, there must be a substantial reason for it. Some of you might have been confronted like this as well.

The tennis team is asking us to sign their petition in assistance to help them keep their tennis courts secure. Captain Cameron Parke expressed, "[The College] is putting a dagger into the heart of the tennis program." The team will be submitting these petitions to President Steffy and the Board of Trustees. For those of you that may not know, with the "potential addition [to the Life Sports Center] will result in two of the six courts being taken off line," says Steve Erber, Director of Athletics. "This is a huge concern to students on the tennis teams," staid Erber.

When talking with Coach Andrews, women's tennis coach, she said she met with Steffy and he "assured [her], there will be courts on campus to facilitate recreational tennis and varsity tennis teams." The hunt for a new location for these courts is already in place.

Steffy said, "I wish to acknowledge the concern of the tennis team...the College is committed to providing a minimum of six improved courts."

In addition, Cameron Parke and his sister McKenzie Parke, Captains of the men and women's tennis team, made up the petition after meeting with Steffy the first time. Cameron Parke said, "We decided after the first meeting because he was vague and didn't say much." Parke continued, "How can you justify this if you don't have a plan?"

Steffy also stated, "sites are be

now being studied...it is important that we plan carefully."

By taking out these courts, the tennis teams will lose much space,

While making these new plans, it seems as if the tennis teams were not even considered or thought about. "Tennis teams are not going

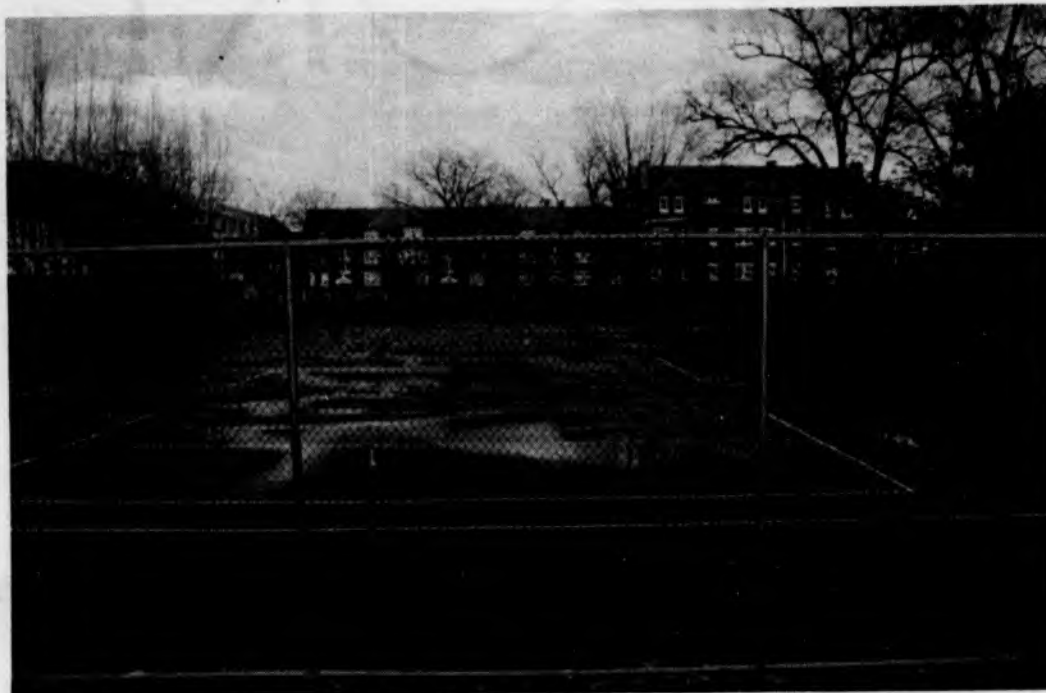
Conference last year. The tennis team should be more of a priority than it seems," affirmed Captain Gena Ross.

The Parkes started the petition in hopes of reaching a fair agreement without the tennis program being hurt. The petitioners has already collected over 400 signatures from College students just between the Parke's petitions alone, not including the rest of the teams. Part of the petition tells how the College is going against the Division III Mission Statement.

According to the petition, this mission statement, "The College is not placing 'special importance' on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators." The NCAA

continues by saying, The College is "favoring two sports at the expense of the tennis program." With the College taking away these courts, giving the tennis team inadequate facilities, they are not assisting in an effort to attain high levels of athletic performances for their athletes.

Consequently, if the tennis team does not prevail, the school may face some angry alumni. Fleissig, a senior, does not have to deal with much of what will happen with these courts, but as an alum, he said, "I'm not going to want to donate back to the school, if the tennis team I was on isn't adequately satisfied."



The tennis courts which would be left standing after the plans for the new renovations of the Life Sports Center were underway.

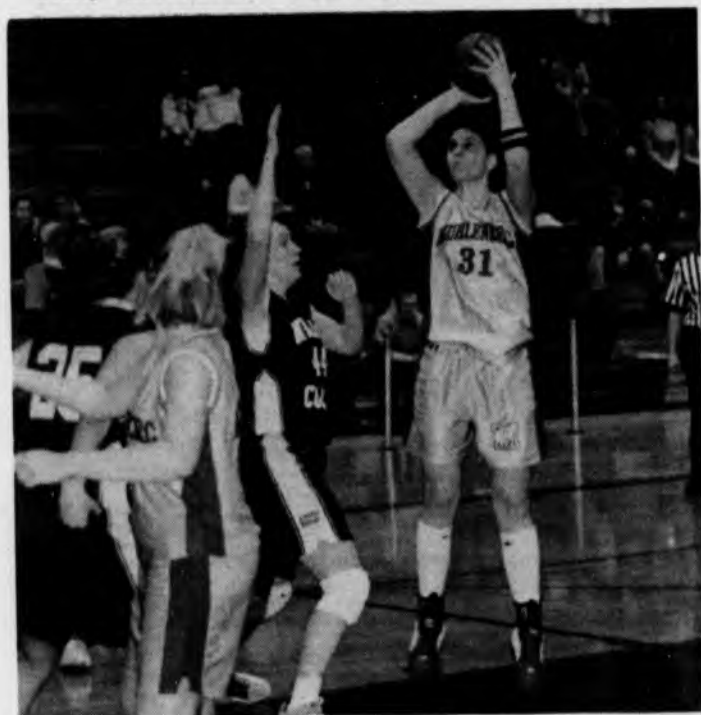
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which they claim they cannot afford to lose. "When other teams come to play in a match, no one is going to want to sit around and wait to play since they would have to wait for other matches to be done first," said Captain Matt Fleissig.

Most NCAA teams have double the amount of courts that our College has already. A team cannot play six singles matches with only four courts. Fleissig said, "Matches take about three hours, no one is going to want to sit around for five." With this as a factor, darkness would become an issue, and then does the school install lights for the tennis team?

to take us seriously and are not going to want to come here," a concerned men's Captain Matt Fleissig expressed. The new plans will extend out into the two tennis courts that are behind the Ettinger building. However, Erber assures, the College is "finding a place to relocate those courts or all."

Men's tennis is one of the three oldest sports at Muhlenberg College; its first program started in 1919. The women's tennis team is the oldest women's sport at the College and the most successful. "The tennis team has worked way too hard after winning the



Junior Jill Friedman takes an open shot against McDaniel.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Tis made winning foul shots for women's basketball win

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our goal of winning the conference."

Junior Susan Marchiano finished with ten points and fourteen rebounds. Teammate Randi Baran recorded eight assists to mark herself as the sixth player in Muhlenberg Women's Basketball history to achieve 200 career assists. Tis, who scored the game winning points from the foul line, finished with fifteen points, three assists and four steals.

"Lindsay [Tis] played

extremely well," said Doyle on her teammate. "She really pulled through for us in the final seconds of the game. Lindsay has an incredible way of excelling under pressure and getting the job done with a positive, contagious attitude. She is tremendously talented and works very hard. Overall she is a role model for all of us."

The victory over McDaniel was the sixth straight win for the Mules, as they go undefeated (6-0) in the Centennial Conference East.

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Men's basketball emerges on top to defeat Green Terror

BY MARC WEINREICH
Weekly Sports Writer

After having lost their last five games, three of which were decided by a total margin of eight points, the Mules finally got an easy win against the McDaniel Green Terror (5-14, 2-6).

The Mules (7-10, 1-6) came out strong and never looked back. The first half was not even close and was highlighted by an plethora of three-pointers, some of which came from way beyond the arc.

While Muhlenberg capitalized on McDaniel's mediocre defense, the Mules seemed like they were able to hit shots from everywhere on the court. McDaniel managed to embarrass itself on the offensive end as well.

McDaniel was given the chance to score at the free throw line on many different occasions, but could not convert.

McDaniel's center, Jon Pearson almost airballed his first free throw and missed his second. The



Senior Toomey Anderson shoots over a McDaniel defender.

Green Terror could not even manage to rally toward the end of the first half.

The Mules more than doubled McDaniel's score at halftime, as the Mules resided in a comfortable 61-40 lead.

The second half was not a different story. Muhlenberg did not let up. Senior Captain Anthony Strachan showed that he is not just a low-post presence but also capable of making shots from beyond the three point line. Strachan hit a deep three in the beginning of the second half to push the Mules even further ahead. Senior tri-captain guard Toomey Anderson followed his teammate with an amazing long-distance three pointer of his own.

McDaniel did manage to go on an early 16-6 run in seven minutes. However, with over nine minutes remaining, sophomore guard Dennis Severino showed his three point range skills and hit a three to put the Mules back up by sixteen at 55-39. Severino, however, was not

nearly finished. He barged his way into McDaniel's almost non-existent defense and banked a shot off the glass to put the Mules up by nineteen.

Severino provided some flair again as the second half wound down. He displayed his accurate passing skills as he threw a perfect pass up in the air from just inside the three point line to sophomore guard Chase Licata. Licata caught the ball as he jumped over the McDaniel defense in the low key and banked it off the glass for two points to put the Mules up by nineteen at 65-46.

A little before the two-minute mark with Muhlenberg sitting pretty with a 20-point lead, Coach Madeira cleared his bench. This gave some of the new-

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Women's basketball wins in a last-second thriller against McDaniel

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

It came down to one point for the Mules and the Green Terror on Saturday, when Muhlenberg pulled through with a win by a score of 63-62.

After a steady first half, McDaniel went on an 8-2 run within the first ten minutes of the second half, leading by as much as eleven points. Soon after, the Mules came back with a 10-0 run, putting Muhlenberg up by two. Junior Becky Richmond sank a three pointer along with a three by Sophomore Gwen Doyle, to give Muhlenberg a three point lead.

With only nineteen seconds left on the clock, the Green Terror successfully shot four free throws to put them in the lead, 62-59.

Doyle was then fouled with a mere ten seconds left, and she completed the play by sinking both foul shots, slicing the McDaniel lead down to one point.

After Doyle's foul shots, Senior Randi Baran deflected the Green Terror inbound pass into the air, and it was snatched up by Junior Lindsay Tis. Tis was then fouled under the basket with 3.2 seconds left in regulation, and made both free throws.

The Muhlenberg win was sealed as McDaniel's half-court-shot attempt failed at the buzzer.

"I think now in the middle of our season we are starting to come together as opposed to playing as individuals," said Doyle, who finished with fourteen points on Saturday. "As a team, we are really excited about the way we have been playing and we are looking forward to continuing our winning streak. This win was just one more step in the direction of achieving

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Junior Susan Marchlano leaps to make a shot.

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Taylors speak about moving on and out

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Leaving the President's House behind but staying close to Allentown, the Taylors are making their transition from their past with the College to their future with the city. Both Arthur Taylor, former President of the College, and his wife Kathryn Taylor are actively engaged in several projects that will keep them busy in the area. Having just purchased a new home in Salisbury Township, the couple plans to remain close to their established friendships within the community.

"The people in the community have been very supportive. We've made a lot of friends. They made us feel wanted," said Kathryn. "We found a house we like, [and there are] things we're doing in the area." The Taylors are looking forward to moving into the new house. Covering 3.5 acres, their new property contains "a marvelous field where my grandson can play soccer," said Arthur.

While the couple has hosted a housewarming party with friends and colleagues from the College and the Allentown area this past weekend, they still have renovations on the new house to finish before moving in. "We've got some work to do over there...build bookcases, paint, wallpaper," explained Kathryn. According to the Taylors, they will be completely moved out of the President's House by early April.

Both of the Taylors will continue in their ongoing projects in the community, while also taking on a few new endeavors. Kathryn plans on remaining involved in her current jobs as Chairman of the Board at Lehigh Valley Hospital and member of the Board of Capital Blue Cross. Kathryn explained that she is able to approach health care from the provider standpoint through her two positions. Also a member of the Board of Community and Schools in Easton and Allentown, Kathryn works to set up alternative schooling for

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Students of the College tutor Allentown residents

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

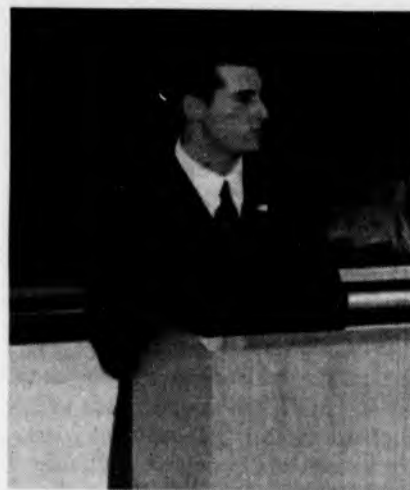
Bringing immigrant residents of the city of Allentown and students from the College together, a new English as a Second Language (ESL) program allows students to interact with residents under educational circumstances. Through the College's Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department along with the Adult Literacy Center of the Lehigh Valley (ALCLV), the ESL program for adult immigrant learners in Allentown began last week. The program allows students from the College of all different majors and minors to teach English to adult immigrants through conversation classes.

The students go to Allen High

School on Tuesday evenings for two hours to engage in conversation in order to supplement classes that are held on both Mondays and Wednesdays. All three classes and any books involved in the program are free to the immigrants, and attendance is on a voluntary basis. There are three levels of classes: beginner, intermediate and advanced speakers.

"The program began because we really wanted to get our students involved in the community," said Dr. Erika Sutherland, Assistant Professor of Spanish. Previously, Sutherland had students of Spanish involved in a program with the Hispanic American Organization (HAO) where the students taught English at night four times a week.

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Danielle Spang '04 and Steve Kreider '03 debate issues relating to the possible war in Iraq.

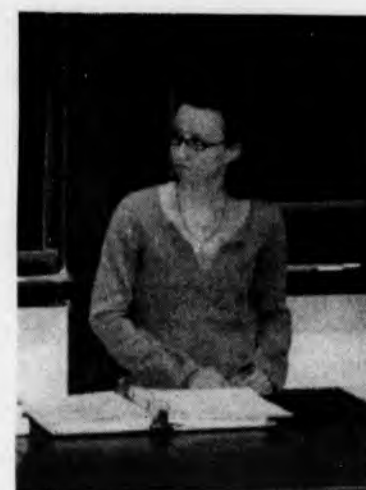


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War debate between students

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

As tensions rise and our military begins initial steps to prepare for a war with Iraq, students have found that the best way for them to speak out about their feelings has been through their right to free speech.

On Feb. 6, the College hosted a debate on the subject of Iraq with Dr. Chris Borick, Assistant Professor of Political Science, as moderator. Borick began by stating that there are three responses to policy decisions: "exit, loyalty and voice...Tonight is about voice." The debaters, Steve Kreider '03 and Danielle Spang '04, were allotted three minutes of opening statements and then were asked a series of four questions from Borick. Spang, speaking in opposition to the war in Iraq, won the coin toss and was given the opening statement.

*"Exit, loyalty, and voice...
Tonight is about voice."*

Dr. Chris Borick,
Assistant Professor of
Political Science

She began with "I'm not opposed to all wars." She said that contrary to what some people might think, she is supportive of wars that are fought for just reasons. She affirmed her belief that this current cry for war is unjust and stated, "I do not feel the Bush Administration and supporters have given enough reason to a just war with Iraq."

Kreider met her comments with roaring enthusiasm and support from his fan club located in the back, who had earlier been playing the songs "Born In the USA," by Bruce Springsteen and, ironically enough, "Bombs Over Baghdad," by Outkast from their CD player before the commencement of the debate.

Kreider stated that he is "very much behind a war with Iraq." He went on to say, "We are going to have to confront Saddam at one point or another." He concluded with, "Tonight I will prove why he is a threat."

The first question delivered by Borick concerned the analysis of the United Nations (U.N.) support. Kreider stated strongly and firmly that, "Iraq is in violation of every U.N. resolution since the Gulf War." He then proceeded to give a list of facts and resolutions that maintain Iraq's violation of U.N. demands. Kreider declared, "Use of force is our only option."

Spang spoke about the fact that the U.N. has in no way offered any reason for Iraq to comply. "The U.S. and U.N. have offered no incentives for disarmament." She went further and stated that Iraq is just being bossed and bullied into disarmament. She then encouraged audience members to take a look at the U.S.'s involvement with terrorism and oppressive nations, noting Reagan's involvement with terrorist nations while president.

Borick later asked the speakers

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Professors putting in overtime

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN last Thursday's debate. It was very apparent that the two participants, Steve Kreider and Danielle Spang, had done an exceptional job in researching the problems that the U.S. currently faces. While those two people have received the notoriety for arranging and participating in this event, there was a third participant, who took time out of his busy schedule to provide a service to the Muhlenberg College.

It is not often that a professor gets the proper recognition for the time and effort he or she puts into the College following office hours.

As in any fair debate, Thursday's Iraqi debate hosted a fair and balanced moderator in Political Science Professor, Dr. Chris Borick. It is not often that a professor gets the proper recognition for the time and effort he or she puts into the College following office hours. This is not to say that Borick is the only professor to show this sort of dedication, but one of many, who on a daily basis show that Muhlenberg is as important to them as it is to the students.

Without the leadership of these educators, an event such as the debate has the potential to turn into a chaotic, unruly experience. Colleges have long been known for their standing as places for young people to voice their problems and generally usurp their right to freely speak without prejudice. *The Weekly's* Editorial Board would like to recognize and thank all of those who take time out of their personal lives to contribute to this positive college climate. These are the small things that down the line we (as college alumni) will remember as the truly influential experiences in our college careers.

To the Editor:

I read with interest last week's article about the planned removal of a pair of tennis courts to accommodate expansion of the Life Sports Center and about the petition designed to oppose this action.

Remove all courts

I found this intriguing because I too am opposed to removing two of the six courts -- I want to remove them all.

The Muhlenberg campus, beautiful though it is, sorely lacks green space. In my view, the area now occupied by the courts should be transformed into a landscaped quadrangle, an inner sanctum providing park-like surroundings for all of us to enjoy.

As it stands, the tennis courts are a bleak expanse of fence and asphalt rising to no one's definition of "beautiful." Moreover, the courts are seldom in use. Think about it: they stand idle from October until March; they are never used at night; they are empty during or immediately after a rain; and even in clear weather, few students show up before noon.

By contrast, a quad would be used morning and night, summer

To the Editor:

This letter constitutes the tennis program's response to the campus-wide letter by President James Steffy regarding the status of the tennis courts. His letter, although possibly well-intentioned, was

Tennis needs courts

The letter revealed the administration's intentions, within four to six weeks, to resolve this tennis court issue. To recap, this whole process started with the administration's decision to tear down two of the six total tennis courts in order to make room for football offices, "sky boxes" for the football field, and to strategically place grass so entrance into the "stadium" would be more appealing and aesthetically pleasing. However, for some reason, the administration decided that men's and women's tennis teams, while sacrificing the most in the renovation scheme, should be the last ones to know about this. Ever since we have learned of the school's plan, there has been an effort underway to try to work out an optimal plan to try to preserve the tennis courts,

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I am writing to comment on the recent editorial written so eloquently by Ben Pemstein, President of AEPI. I wish to thank him for speaking so true about the real views of Muhlenberg College students.

Students ignore laws

I could not agree more with his comments concerning underage drinking. It is a problem that is not simply found at AEPI or the fraternities in general. His words resonate true even further as he looks deeply into the truth about what the fraternities offer the campus; drinking on campus is much safer than drinking off and having to find the lone and often waylaid designated driver.

I support Ben in his right of free speech, and to this end I think his point suggesting that Muhlenberg be more lenient concerning underage drinking is a phenomenal idea. To be fair, it never occurred to me in all my thought that the College

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To the Editor:

We strongly disagree with Ben Pemstein's view of the activities on campus, which was reported in last week's edition of *The Weekly*. For those of you who think that the activities are "limited" and "lack-

Truth about activities

ing," try looking beyond the brick wall that is in front of your face, because you obviously have no idea what's going on in the world.

Look around and join a club to keep busy. Join Habitat for Humanity, SHARE or EnAct to help the members of the community rather than endanger them with your drunk driving. Try Student Council -- they actually make things happen on campus. Want to have an absolute blast? Join the MTA. Still not satisfied?

This college has everything from religious clubs to major clubs. If they don't suit your fancy, make a new club. If joining a club doesn't fit your personality, at least share

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To the Editor:

I would like to respond to several points brought up in last week's *Weekly Discourse* article titled: "Is the Goal of

Flawed oil argument

the U.S. to Gain Access to Oil or to Stop an Oppressive Regime?" The article makes a number of arguments suggesting that oil interests are not driving the possible war with Iraq.

Many of these points are flawed if not outright incorrect. First, it is argued, "If this were all about oil, why would we...not go down to South America and seize the rich oil supplies of some developing country?" This can be answered by noting that the U.S. has

long been in conflict with Iraq, and that the leader of Iraq is well known for his history of human rights violations. This gives the U.S. some small bit of credibility in pursuing a war with Iraq

(though not enough judging by the responses of our allies). To simply "seize the rich oil supplies of some developing country" would only enrage and further alienate global powers from which the U.S. is already becoming estranged. In addition, I would ask in response, if this is not about oil, why, according to Russian officials, has Bush suggested to the Russian government that its support of a U.S. war in Iraq will protect

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To the Editor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and its extremely hard working and dedicated members. On Fri., Jan. 14, RHA held a "Singled Out Pool Party" in the Life Sports Center pool. The event, which ran from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m., was an opportunity for Muhlenberg students to win a free date with another Muhlenberg student, play in the pool with friends and enjoy snacks and drinks. Two weeks ago,

RHA article inaccurate

The Muhlenberg Weekly published an article in its Life! section, which referred to this RHA, sponsored event as "Sausage Fest 2003." We as an organization, as well as other students and faculty, feel that the language and content of this article is inappropriate and offensive, especially considering many of our parents subscribe to and read *The Weekly*. On top of that, the journalism and reporting of the event was completely inaccurate. The author of the article was seen at the pool at nine when the event began, and very few people had yet to arrive, and was seen leaving no later than 9:30 as people began to filter in, and the activities had yet to get under way. In

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Valentine's Day becomes increasingly overwhelming

Melissa Alger

Weekly Guest Columnist

Bombarded by stacks and stacks of Victoria's Secrets catalogues and a sickening desire to buy yet another box of chocolate-covered cherries, I become quite aware that Valentine's Day is just about upon using all its heart-shaped glory. Valentine's Day seemed to have meaning back in grade school, when I used to help my sister stuff envelopes full of conversational hearts to hand out to all her "boyfriends" in class. But

now, as I walk through aisle upon aisle of assorted candies, neatly vacuum-wrapped in their tacky red boxes, I wonder, is there still love for this holiday? Has Cupid, with his promises of love-spiked arrows, been gracefully brushed aside with the likes of the tooth fairy, the Easter bunny and Santa Claus? What does it all mean?

In thinking critically about Valentine's Day, I decided to go back to its roots, to a time without Hallmark. Valentine's Day was first a Pagan tradition practiced in the third

century to honor Lupercus. During Lupercalia, young women would draw men's names from an urn, and the name chosen would become that woman's yearly sex partner. Of course, when Christianity rolled in, the holiday was renamed Saint Valentine's Day after an unknown priest (or priests) named "Valentine." In all stories about Valentine, he is eventually beheaded by Emperor II around 260 A.D. for either arranging secret marriages or curing young women's blindness.

It was not until 1913 that

Hallmark featured its first Valentine's Day card. As we all know, since then Valentine's Day has become one big commercial nightmare. Hallmark now sells over one billion Valentine's Day cards, according to

the National Greeting Card Association.

Maybe if I were a Roman male, with the promise of getting a new sex slave every Feb. 14, I would be less jaded by this holiday. Maybe that is what I have been missing from that

Victoria's Secret lace garters and discovered how to assemble such a contraption.

Maybe I, and people like me, are the problem. Maybe society has caused us to distrust any holiday worships cute

Has Cupid, with his promises of love-spiked arrows, been gracefully brushed aside with the likes of the tooth fairy, the Easter bunny and Santa Claus?

Community compromise needed

Robyn Duda

Weekly Guest Columnist

Do we, as students, have an identity? If so, does it adequately represent us or is there a hostile bias amongst those who have particular issues with college students? This is a subject matter that each one of us needs to assess in order to reaffirm the relationship the College Community has with the surrounding Allentown community. A middle ground must be met in order to happily and successfully co-exist within the same few blocks.

I am sure most of us can see the community's side when flailing students parade up and down 22nd Street at all hours of the night, yet is it necessary to pass a zoning law that permits no more than two "students" in an off-

campus house? This may be a form of discrimination. While students are, in fact, not a protected class, we suffer from such constraints. But several blocks away, eight drug dealers can rent a half of a double block, corrupt the neighborhood further and get away with it. I would like to see the crime statistics from Saturday night in the downtown area.

Obviously, the crime issues in that area have been absolved, since I witnessed two APD officers strolling around 22nd Street at 12:30 p.m. in approximately twelve degree weather. Were they out looking for abnormal behaviors specifically in the Muhlenberg region in hopes for another big bust to appease the immediate community? There is a significant difference in fighting crime and seeking it out. Are our rights

as students actually being violated?

If we viewed Allentown as a singular body, rather than a town made up of many personalities, just like the community generalizes "Muhlenberg College" into a single body, would they accept the fact that the immediate community, mostly 22nd to 26th Streets, in the same category of people that have committed crimes on our campus or cause much disturbance in their section of town? How do you think they feel? In every bunch there are a few bad apples, but do those few wrongful incidents create an identity

for the college that embodies us as a whole? Does the community fully understand the College's devotion to the community at large economically, socially and in service?

Not all college students are out of control, just like all of Allentown is not "bad" or "trouble."

Not all college students are out of control, just like all of Allentown is not "bad" or "trouble." The campus and community, then, must have the same responsibility to be active. We need to place our activism in positive direction: a community building angle. It is repeatedly stated that our "neighbors" were here first and "we" invade their territory. I doubt any one of these people have been around since 1848, the year Muhlenberg College was founded.

So, in turn, "What is a neighbor? How do we create a sense of neighborhood again? What is a student's identity? And, are we as students being violated?" These questions and those relevant in relation are the questions we should be asking, rather than remaining idle.

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Weekly Discourse: Gastric bypass surgery

A surgery for the vain or a medical breakthrough?

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Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Gastric bypass surgery is one of the fastest growing operations in the United States. Ideally the surgery alters the digestive process by closing off most of the stomach in order to shrink its capacity, in turn allowing for easier weight-loss for the patient. Most doctors only perform such a drastic surgery on patients categorized as "morbidly obese." Morbid obesity is defined as when obesity "reaches the point of significantly increasing the risk of one or more obesity-related health conditions or serious diseases that result either in significant physical disability or even death." Perhaps then, a more appropriate name for this surgery is "obesely morbid surgery for the morbidly obese."

So does this surgery significantly increase risks of obesity-related health conditions? If cardiac irregularity, blood clots to lungs, heart attack, kidney failure, pneumonia, potassium deficiency, stroke, ulcers, small bowel obstruction and death weren't obesity-related health conditions before, then they are now with this surgery. Most of these complications occurred in less than three percent of patients. Perhaps the most alarming by-product for patients, though, is not the physical complications, but rather the significant psychological effects, reported by up to ten percent of patients. Some experts feel that patients' happiness with their new body image causes either a denial of serious side effects, or a conscious decision that weighs these side effects as peripheral compared to their previous obesity. In the reported cases many patients stated bouts with

depression, requiring sustained treatment from psychiatrists.

Are these risks worth the surgery for prospective patients? The invariable answer among Americans seems 'yes,' and herein lies what I perceive as the problem. Among other qualities, our culture is geared toward the fit. Any health practitioner should tell you this is not a vanity surgery or even the latest dieting fad. It is to be entered with educated eyes, not veiled in the grocery store impulse aisle by magazines like *Elegant Bride*.

After searching on the Internet, I came across much information on the topic, mostly provided not from independent sources but as advertisements from health practitioners. This worries me that patients are not receiving proper education on an unquestionably life-changing surgery. I read stories posted by individuals who would do anything in order to qualify for this surgery, including gain weight. After rapidly gaining thirty pounds, one woman still found herself ten short of eligibility. To compensate, she strapped a five-pound weight to each leg for her next doctor authorized weigh-in. The doctor did not realize the fluctuation, and performed the surgery. Needless to say the surgery was a miserable failure.

As an American of average weight, it is not my place to dictate who this surgery is and isn't for. But in this culture, bypassing criteria for Gastric bypass is where I see it heading. Call it a slippery slope, but how long before modifications are made so it becomes available to the general public? How long will people resist the temptations and promises of a skinnier body? I say as long as it takes to thread eleven through the ten item or less aisle.

Prof. Chrysan Cronin
Weekly Guest Columnist

Go sit on a bench in the middle of the Lehigh Valley Mall and watch the people go by. Keep track of those individuals that you would classify as "obese." Chances are you will find that at least 30 percent of the people are obese. Obesity in this country is now the new epidemic. In adults over twenty years old, 64.5 percent are considered to be overweight or obese. While most of us tend to think of obesity as a vanity issue, in truth, it is a major health risk. It increases the risk of diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure, stroke, gall bladder disease, and breast, prostate and colon cancer. Obesity is the cause of over 300,000 deaths in the U.S. each year and healthcare costs of American adults with obesity amount to approximately 100 billion dollars per year.

The only way to lose weight is to eat less and move more. For many obese people, this is far easier said than done. Most obese people have tried diets and pills, to no avail. Their quality of life is severely impaired. They are physically restricted and emotionally tortured.

Fortunately, a surgical technique called gastric bypass surgery offers hope to obese people whose health status is jeopardized because of their weight. I had the opportunity to observe this surgical technique last year at the Lehigh Valley Hospital and it was amazing. The patient was a 5'0", 300 lb. female. Basically, the surgery involves minimizing the size of the stomach to roughly the size of a hard-boiled egg. This new stomach cannot hold nearly as much food as the person

previously consumed. At most, three or four bites of food are enough to fill up the new stomach. The surgery lasted about two hours and the patient was wheeled into the recovery room to begin her new life.

Be assured that the surgery is not the end, but merely the beginning of a very long road ahead. Most patients recover well and there is a relatively low complication rate (six percent). Weight loss occurs soon after surgery and will continue for nearly two years. Patients will typically lose almost two-thirds of their excess weight. Nutritional deficiencies are a concern because of malabsorption issues, but these can be alleviated with dietary supplements. Patients are required to attend counseling sessions to learn behavior modifications that will lead to successful weight loss. For many of them, food was an emotional crutch that can no longer be used to help them cope with issues that caused them to overeat in the first place. They must find other ways to deal with these issues and counseling helps them do this.

Gastric bypass surgery is not for everyone. Patients must have a body mass index of 40 or greater to be considered for the surgery. They must have exhausted all other weight loss options before surgeons will consider them a candidate. They must also know that though recovery may be difficult emotionally, it will also be rewarding. People who have had this surgery report enhanced quality of life, increased stamina and higher self-esteem. But more importantly, their risk of having life-threatening diseases such as diabetes and stroke significantly falls and that is good news for all of us.

RHA provides entertainment

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fact, not only did the event turn out to have decent attendance from both men and women for a non-alcoholic event, but also the vast majority of people who did show up had an excellent time. Had the author stayed to see what actually happened as the night progressed, or had he focused his article on the point of consistent low attendance of non-alcoholic events on campus, then perhaps the article would have been worthy of being published and read by students, parents and faculty of this school.

I am disappointed that people who read this article have been misinformed and will have a negative perception of future RHA sponsored events. But most of all, it is unfortunate that the author chose to disrespect not only myself, the President of RHA, but also all of its other members and anyone else on campus that makes an effort to provide students with entertainment and fun on a weekend at Muhlenberg.

-- Michael Strauss
Class of 2005

Tennis team being shafted

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as well as the tennis program.

We have stressed to President Steffy and other College administrators on several occasions the utter necessity regarding having a minimum of six courts together, and not significantly separated. Any type of vague plan initiated by Steffy & Company has four current courts remaining while two others are rebuilt within a "reasonable proximity" of the four. This

presents an inherent problem with the President's language. What constitutes a "reasonable proximity?" Does that mean four courts in campus and two more about four miles away? Five blocks? From the beginning, the administration has made decisions without any knowledge of the dynamics of a tennis match, practice, or about the teams' current situation. This kind of blind and naive action is like letting Stevie Wonder drive the Muhlenberg

Shuttle to the mall on weekends. It is impractical and impossible to conduct matches, and efficient and effective practices with four courts together and two elsewhere. This is like splitting the football field in half and moving the other fifty yards three miles down to Trexler Park. This reveals the administration's thoughtlessness and ignorance once again. We have made it very clear to them that all courts need to be placed together.

For some reason, this concept has been too transparent and unclear for the administration to comprehend. As a result, President Steffy's attempt to ease the student body's mind on the future of the tennis courts has not been accomplished, and he has not satisfied the tennis teams' appropriate requests. This letter only serves to further our concerns that the administration just does not get it.

-- Cameron Parke
Class of 2003

Drinking is avoidable

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should just ignore state law, but when said out loud, I wonder why I never thought of it before. I am in such agreement, I have requested that the college ignore a few more laws for the betterment of the College Community and the safety of those within it.

1. Federal Income Tax Laws: The College, by ignoring these laws, would greatly enable the students of Muhlenberg to find other things to do with their added cash. Students get into trouble because we do not have enough money to do anything fun with, and so the extra cash would be helpful.

2. The Law of Non-Contradiction: This one has always pissed me off. Why can't something be True and False at the same time? This one has got to go for it would make my philosophy papers that much easier.

3. Laws of Courtesy: These are not really written laws so much as societal ones, but Muhlenberg should have its students ignore these too. I hate having to be nice. I think our world would be a lot better and more fun if we just acted on impulse. Freud had it right when he came up with the Id and the Greeks did it about two thousand years before him. They had it right. Forget the ego or the rational side of thought. Muhlenberg should make it illegal to think that way.

4. The Law of the Excluded Middle: Something is either X or not X. I don't like this one either. Imagine it as it is now; you are passing or you are not passing physics. Wouldn't it be better if the law of the excluded middle was just ignored? It would be so much easier to get things done and we would all have better grades, thus making the College and us happier.

5. The Ninth Commandment: I know this one isn't some man made law, but while the College is at it why not change a few of the things the Judeo-Christian god asked of us. I mean, I like my neighbor's girlfriend, and I could go for some good coveting.

6. The Law of Pure Reason: This one I know those of you who agree with the idea of ignoring the drinking age will be in favor. We need to simply throw out all reason and thought. I mean, who cares that thinking rationally will get you to knowledge and good answers. Why not throw it out and just come to great and amazing conclusions like the ones above and most importantly, the brilliant idea that Muhlenberg should ignore state drinking laws.

For those of you who think the College does not offer enough to keep students from drinking, maybe you should get up and stop whining and go to a MAC meeting and make a difference. For those of you who think that drinking is the inevitable result of there not being enough college events on campus, perhaps you should say that out loud a few times to see if it makes as much sense out loud as it did in your head. For those of you who think that the only way to have fun is to drink, get some help at the Counseling Center. Most importantly, for those of you who think that any of the suggestions above for the ignoring of laws was meant seriously, I suggest you buy a sense of humor and then come back.

I think some of the points made in the original article were good points (specifically those spoken of in the first paragraph of this editorial). Drinking, however, is not a necessary thing to do. Do we do it? Yes, we do. Are there underage people who shouldn't do it but do? Yes, of course. Will people continue to do it? Yes. Do people continue to do it because it is the fault of the College or because it is their decision to break the law? Well, since it isn't the College's fault, then it must be you who make the decision. Make a decision and stick to it. Apathy is the bane of humanity. Do something about it.

-- Michael Bernstein
Class of 2004

Tennis courts a waste of space

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and winter, rain and shine. On any given day, hundreds of students would pass through this space, and many, one imagines, would stop to sit on a bench or toss a frisbee or chat with a friend in a pleasant setting. The quad would be as inclusive a part of our campus as the tennis courts are an exclusive one. In fact, I suspect that a quadrangle would get more use in a week than the tennis courts do in a year. With regard to both utility and beauty, it is a much better allocation of our scarce land.

Of course, we would have to build new

courts elsewhere. Jim Steffy has promised the tennis team that Muhlenberg "...is committed to providing a minimum of six improved courts in reasonable proximity to each other," and I'm sure we can take him at his word. The minor inconvenience of a more remote tennis facility pales in comparison to the greater good of a quadrangle for all of us.

If anyone remains skeptical, I suggest they walk out back, gaze upon the site, and imagine the asphalt and chain-link replaced by grass and trees. It's a no-brainer.

-- William Dunham
Mathematical Sciences

U.S. is out for oil

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Russian oil interests there, including the recovery of an eight billion dollar debt owed to Russia by Iraq?

The article also asks, "wouldn't it be easier...to drill for oil in Alaska rather than fight a costly war?" and then goes on to cite Bush's plan to fund development of hydrogen-powered cars as evidence of the President's lack of concern over oil. In response to this, it should be noted that early in 2002, Bush did try to push legisla-

tion through Congress to enact drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve in Alaska, but the Senate blocked his plan. Even if this plan were to be enacted, the oil reserves in this area would not become market accessible for another ten to fifteen years and would only provide a six-month supply anyway (though it would make certain U.S. oil companies very wealthy). Furthermore, in the same speech in which he proposed funding for hydrogen-powered cars, Bush reiterated his desire to start a

drilling program in Alaska. The hydrogen power program itself is so poorly designed that even environmentalists are not enthusiastic about it because, among other things, it will lead to cuts in funding to conservation pro-

grams that have already been proven successful.

Finally, the article argues that the war with Iraq is justifiable because it will end the reign of a regime known for human rights violations, suggesting that this, not oil, is the primary cause of the proposed war. To this I say, if this war would be fought solely over the provision of democracy to an oppressed people, why is the U.S. not engaged in a dozen other wars throughout the world with countries that have similarly oppressive governments? And I would also ask, how much would a war really benefit the people of Iraq whom Bush seems so intent on helping? Such a war would only serve to rip apart Iraq and the lives of all the common people therein. The war cause is not and never has been driven by humanitarian or democratic ideals. That is simply a convenient cover for the underlying interest in oil. Perhaps the reason the "old oil argument" is so "fashionable" is because so much evidence exists to support it -- evidence that is much sounder than any points one might use to propose an argument based on humanitarian interests.

-- Gail Morris
Class of 2004

More to do on campus than frats

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your ideas instead of complaining about the activities.

If you don't like the activities we have, join MAC and tell us what you want, but we advise you to actually look at our calendar before you speak up. Keep in mind that the list price of the Dave Matthews Band is 125,000 dollars -- and he won't perform at a school like ours. Now imagine the price of the band that you want to perform here -- remembering that if their tour passes through the area, they may take bids from several schools for the one day they are available to schedule a show. Of course, you could always ask your parents to pay more for college to help MAC get better bands -- or perhaps you could donate your keg money to Student Council's funds.

We are not attacking AEPi at all -- just the people who are blind to the activities. We're not saying that drinking is wrong or fraternities are bad (we are aware of the good things that fraternities do for the campus and community), but before you speak up about activities, try noticing what's going on around you -- that's what a good leader does. Maybe you were "catapulted... from a newly initiated member of AEPi into the position of President" a little too premature, Ben.

Speak up or join a club. The activities are there for you, and Muhlenberg is renowned for our outstanding activity programming. Take a peak beyond the brick wall, and you'll see.

--The Muhlenberg Activities Council

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Immigration discussion formulates new ideas

BY DANIELLE MARCANTUONO
Weekly News Writer

The winter wonderland that covered campus on Friday could not stop Allentown criminal defense attorney David Viada from hosting a discussion entitled, "A Nation of Immigrants: Should the Door Remain Open?"

Viada, the President of the Board of Casa Guadalupe and member of The Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding of the College, practices in Allentown. The majority of Viada's clients are illegal immigrants searching for a way to obtain U.S. citizenship.

Viada began his presentation by addressing immigration views held by members of the Republican and Democratic political parties. "There are 13 million illegal aliens in this country and the numbers are rising in the wake of both right as well as left-wing oppositions to immigration," said Viada.

He explained that right-wing opposition is based on the beliefs that "illegal aliens are major contributors to the moral and social decay of society," and that they are "forcing Americans to live in what is becoming a third world nation."

"This opposition to immigration is not only a product of the right-wing," but

"There is also a left wing critique."

He explained that this opposition supports the idea that the U.S. is overpopulated, and that it is this overpopulation that is bringing down the value of individual liberty and quality of American life.

"We have both a left and right-wing criticism emerging at a time of perceived and, to some extent actual, national security peril, and that is what makes this topic so interesting and important," said Viada. "We need to have some idea of what the facts really are, before we launch into our own personal viewpoints and think that they are the only ones that matter."

When immigrant workers send a claim of their injury to insurance companies, they are often deported before they can even present their case in court. Viada has dealt with many clients in this exact predicament.

"Illegal immigrants end up being abused," said Viada. "There is a tremendous amount of exploitation of immigrant labor."

"The Supreme Court recently held that even if you're not paid the wages that you were contracted to be paid for, you have no recourse through the federal government to collect the 90% of your wages that you should receive in compensation for your injury," he said.

Viada went on to explain the pressing issue of stopping immigrants from obtaining already existing social security numbers. Immigrants often steal another person's identity to avoid facing problems in their search for employment.

Bringing his remarks to a conclusion before opening the topic up for discussion to the audience, Viada expressed his ideas for a new type of proposal that he feels would solve many of the problems that face

the U.S. immigration system today.

"It seems to me that unless we're willing to militarize our border and do it in a way that is effective, there is never going to be border control in this country unless we figure out a way to let people come and work," said Viada. "What draws people here is the money, so the only way we will ever get a handle on this problem is by having a guest worker system."

Under Viada's proposal, immigrants would come to the United States for a period of time to work by agreeing to receive an identification card from a local police district with a photo and set of the immigrant finger prints for identification purposes.

Their information would then be put into a database, which Viada says, "would help us to know who people are and where they are. There is no way to monitor people, especially those who might cause harm."

Students travel to D.C. for Holocaust Memorial Museum

BY WENDY EICHLER
Weekly News Writer

With a bagged breakfast in one hand and a map of Washington, D.C. in the other, a group of 94 people prepared for their experiences on the Hillel and Chapel trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum this past Sunday. Hillel, the Chapel, Student Council and the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding sponsored the trip to our nation's capital. The Museum serves as both a memorial to the millions of people killed during the Holocaust and is the national establishment for the testimony and study of the Holocaust.

At one o'clock, the group of students, faculty and staff from the College and a handful of students from DeSales University entered the Museum and prepared themselves for the disturbing, emotion-filled exhibitions about which they had been warned. Every member of the group received an Identification Card, which contained a picture and description of a real individual who lived during the Holocaust. The group then began the self-guided tour of the Permanent Exhibition of the Museum.

The main exhibition depicted the Holocaust chronologically and was divided into three separate parts, beginning with the Nazi Assault from

1933 to 1939. The section illustrated the spread of Nazi ideology of anti-Semitism, racism and nationalism throughout German society with the exercise of the propaganda. It presented the beginning of World War II and world responses using a wealth of archival material, including signs, video footage, books, magazines, audio recordings and clothing from the period.

The second portion of the exhibition portrayed the ghettos, deportations, slave labor and concentration camps used between 1940 and 1945. The section described the implementation of the Nazis' "Final Solution" through an audio presentation and many relics, such as a train car used in the deportation of people to the death camps. Shocking exhibitions displayed immense piles of personal belongings, including glasses and shoes, of the millions murdered in the camps. Meredith Williams '06 found the exhibits with primary artifacts from the concentration camps to be "very moving and powerful." Tiffany Kirk '06 agreed, saying, "the medical experiments were really impacting my thoughts of the Holocaust because you see how real it was and how sick the Nazis were."

The final portion of the Exhibition documented the rescue, resistance, liberation

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Taylors move out and move on after the College

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struggling students. "That keeps me fairly busy," she noted.

With more time on his hands without involvement at the College, Arthur is planning on several new projects. He remains very active with the National Museum of Industrial History in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institute.

"I've always needed something that motivated my heart. The students were 99 percent of our motivation at the College."

Arthur Taylor

The program is working to revamp the Bethlehem Steel plants into an interactive museum.

Having close ties to cable entrepreneurs and cable companies, Arthur also said that he has a new plan for a cable company. "I'm going to try to do A&E all over again," he said. "I have a piece of three cable companies." According to Arthur, he is "actively working to make them major entities."

Arthur explained that he chose the cable project because he wanted something of particular interest for him after leaving the

College. "I've always needed something that motivated my heart. The students were 99 percent of our motivations at the College," he said. "It's the kids that really made the difference."

In addition to the cable project and museum, Arthur is also involved in a few community service organizations. Overall, though, he remarked that, "The whole idea is to not get over-committed."

The Taylors also anticipate traveling to Cuba to learn more about the health care system in the country to bring back ideas for the United States. "With virtually no

money, they have created a [preventive health care system]," explained Kathryn. Arthur added that, "The poor all have medical care equivalent to the well-to-do."

While the Taylors admit to being politically active, they would not confirm whether or not Kathryn is pursuing a greater position in the local government. She explained that in order to run for a position like mayor, she would have to hold residency in Allentown. "We're very interested in the local government," Kathryn said.

She explained that she remains open-minded "if there is an opportunity for either one of us to do something." Arthur further commented that, "We'll see. Everything is open."

With their extensive connections, the Taylors affirm that they continue to try to help students of the College with career placement. "If students call, we do our best to help them," said Kathryn.

The Taylors also keep in touch with some students on a personal level, though they make students initiate contact with them.

"We don't like to put any of them in an uncomfortable position," explained Arthur. "That's the way it has to be."

At their housewarming party last weekend, "There were a healthy group of students at our party," said Arthur.

Arthur also explained that his favorite part about being President of the College was the students. "Student involvement. Right from the first day they were freshmen to the day we gave them a hug [and sent them] on their way. This was a college where human warmth was necessary,"

said Arthur. "It had to do with atmosphere."

Addressing students of the College, Kathryn said, "Develop character. Know what to stand for and have the courage to stand for it."

"Stretch way beyond the experience of the classroom so that you will truly know," said Arthur.



Arthur and Kathryn Taylor will be moving out of the President's House by April.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

New Allentown residents get help from students

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Due to lack of institutional support from the HAO, the program had to cease.

In addition to the present ESL program, Spanish students from the College are involved in an Intercambios group where forty students from the community meet one on one with students from the College during the week to speak Spanish and English.

"Some of our students desired a more formal program than that of the Intercambios Program," said Sutherland. "The ESL program provides that kind of formal structure."

Melissa Tarlowski '04 is the student coordinator of the program. A Spanish and Education double major, Tarlowski contributes to the weekly session by formulating lesson plans which serve to provide some structure to the two hour period of conversation between the students.

"The students plan to incorporate music as well as movie clips to aid in their teaching," said Sutherland.

Christina Liciaga '05 enjoys working with the program as well. "It is so rewarding to work with the immigrants," said Liciaga. "They are so diverse as they come from many parts of the world including Russia and Korea, and they all have extremely interesting stories to tell."

Sutherland said that she hopes to have Tarlowski mentor another student who would possibly become a student coordinator in the near future. While the current program is actually just a trial, its success will determine if it will continue in the coming years.

"We definitely have high hopes for the program," said Sutherland.

The ESL program will run through mid-June, and students from the College who will be on campus through that time period will continue to work with the project.

"The real learning that goes on occurs before and after classes where there exists an ongoing conversation and friendship," said Sutherland. "What the students get out of the program is much more than what they give to it."

Students debate about war

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what the effect would be on Iraqi citizens in a war with the U.S. Kreider's feelings on the subject concerned the past instances of oppression in the country. He described how women were detained and raped, as well as an instance of Saddam attempting to kill his own people with chemical weapons. Kreider stated at the conclusion of his response that "waiting [for war] will only hurt the Iraqi people."

Spang declared that the U.S. has not been supportive of the Iraqi people in any way. She noted that the U.S. has even gone so far as to cease the admittance of Iraqi refugees into the U.S. She claimed that prior to the Gulf War, Iraq was a third-world country. According to Spang, the results of the first war with Iraq left the country with oppression starvation and disease. "The infrastructures of Iraq were depleted during the last war." Spang offered her solution to help Iraq without war, stating that

we "should build up a middle class to overthrow the dictator."

The final question posed by Borick concerned the effect of the war on citizens at home in the U.S. He directed the question of how the possibility of war would affect U.S. interests.

Spang, the first to respond by saying, "first of all, lives will be lost on the battlefield." She further stated that not only will American lives be lost, but there will also be an "increase in terrorism at home and abroad."

Kreider refuted Spang's comment about the body count of a possible war when he affirmed that only "148 people lost their lives in the first war."

Borick concluded the debate with offers to the listeners to ask their own questions concerning Iraq and the possible war to come. The night offered information to students who may not know all the facts about the situation, while also giving students the proper forum to voice their own concerns.

Niesenbaum named research professor at the College

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

In preparation for a year of research, Dr. Richard A. Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology, has been awarded the Class of 1932 Research Professorship for the 2003-2004 academic year. "To win this award is truly an honor and a luxury," Niesenbaum said. "I'm incredibly appreciative." The Professorship will provide Niesenbaum with a year's salary during his sab-

batical, as well as an additional budget of up to \$2,000.

Niesenbaum's research deals with the Ecological Uncertainty Principle: the way researchers affect plants while studying them. Niesenbaum's interest in the topic was first peaked during his field work at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he holds a B.A. and Ph.D. in Biology. He and his colleagues noticed that the plants they were working with were being eaten by insects more than the plants they were not

working with. "It startled us in a lot of ways," Niesenbaum said.

Niesenbaum and his team will be testing for experimenter effects in three ways. Some plants will be marked, and surrounded by flags in a five mile radius. Researchers will not be allowed within the circle. Another group of plants will

be approached, although they will not be touched. Finally, while dealing with a third group of plants, researchers will simply act as if they are measuring the plants.

At the end of the season the plants will be harvested and compared to the control group, in regard to changes in light, soil, leaf chemistry and insect infestation. The hundreds of plants are visited weekly in the Graver Arboretum, Raker Preserve and the College's greenhouse. Niesenbaum says the magnitude of the study makes the Professorship vital: it will allow the research to continue in the fall. The spring will be spent analyzing data and samples, writing papers for publication in scientific journals and reapplying for additional funding.

Although he will be busy,



Dr. Niesenbaum works with students to measure plant growth for their research project.

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Niesenbaum says he will still have a presence on campus. He says he will be "tied to the lab" and will continue to guide students in their research. He calls collaboration and interaction a vital part of science, and will be working with students from the College in his research, including Matt Frye '04, Diana Garretto '04, Emily Kluger '04, Gail Morris '04 and Brian Tavernia '04.

Tavernia is looking forward to working with Niesenbaum. "My research with Dr. Niesenbaum really helped prepare me for grad school," he commented. He says Niesenbaum is very helpful in allowing the students to pursue their own research.

Kluger concurred, saying, "[It's] really great that he incorporates students so much in his work." Frye

also raves about the upcoming project: "Few, if any labs are asking the same questions that he has proposed; questions that have serious implications in the field of ecology and evolutionary biology."

This makes the entire process very interesting as we are treading new ground, and Dr. Niesenbaum is a great leader to be following."

In addition to his work with the students, Niesenbaum is planning bi-monthly meetings with a group at the University of Pennsylvania to talk about data and ideas, as well as trips to the University of Alberta to meet with a colleague who is an expert on underground plant processes. He will also be working with Dr. Christine Ingersol of the chemistry department on leaf chemistry.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - They didn't work together and didn't even know each other. But Michael Lee Leibenguth and Steven Sabol committed more than 80 burglaries on the east side of Allentown and others elsewhere in the city between June and January, police say. Detectives said the two, arraigned together Monday before District Justice Carl Balliet, sometimes broke into places on the same night. "It's amazing they didn't run into each other," said Detective Same Solivan, one of a team of investigators who looked into the crimes. Police responding to the burglaries tracked Sabol's footprints in the snow to the area around Eighth and Court streets, where they found him trying to break into a business.

Allentown - A zoning hearing to expand the hours of an east Allentown bring-your-own-bottle strip club was continued for the third time in three months Monday after the board was left undermanned when two members recused themselves. Allentown Zoning Hearing Board Chairman F. Paul Laubner and board member Michael J. Engle said they had been given notice to provide depositions in a federal civil rights lawsuit filed against the city and board by Jimi Rose, the owner of Sin City, the strip club on Hanover Avenue. In the lawsuit, Rose alleges that the city has denied him the full use of his property because he is black.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Light Snow
High: 29 Low: 21	High: 30 Low: 19	High: 30 Low: 21

Students visit Holocaust Museum

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and survivors' efforts to form new lives. The film "Testimony" concluded the Exhibit, portraying survivors telling their individual stories.

In addition to the Permanent Exhibit, individuals also saw a hands-on exhibition entitled "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," as well as the special exhibition on "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals: 1933 - 1945."

Following the Museum, the group had the choice to

sightsee and shop in the D.C. area. Erin DeVaney '04 enjoyed the opportunity and said, "I've never been to D.C. before. As a history major, I wanted to get a perspective outside of the books."

Sophomore Mike Posternack expressed his appreciation that "the school provides a free trip to see a historical museum and a chance to explore a different city."

Keith Pasichow '03 served as the trip coordinator and said he felt pleased by the responses it received. Patti Mittleman, Hillel

Director, was also pleased with the number of students on the trip who had never previously visited the Museum, and with the students "who are not Jewish and perhaps did not have as much education about the Holocaust to begin with."

Pettit captured the overall feelings regarding the Museum's profound significance. "I am absolutely struck by how important it is to understand what led up to the Holocaust if we hope to avoid that kind of atrocity in the future."

Professor sparkles on DeBeers' monopoly fortune

BY REBECCA LEVY
Weekly News Writer

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, diamonds are a hot commodity. Yet, while people who seldom know the difference between jewel quality diamonds and less expensive cubic zirconias, they nevertheless feel the urge to buy diamonds.

Donna Bergenstock, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics will appear on ABC's 20/20 as part of a special segment on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at 10 p.m. to discuss the obsession with diamonds in our society.

Bergenstock is an expert on marketing in the diamond industry. As a Ph.D. candidate in economics and marketing at Lehigh University, she chose the topic of the De Beers diamond for her dissertation. In particular, Bergenstock focused on how De Beers, a large South African corporation which for decades has exerted a virtual

monopoly on the world's diamond trade, skillfully created the now widely held idea that a small piece of rock is an expression of affection whose purchase merits the expenditure of significant sums of money.

Bergenstock has incorporated her findings into a first-year seminar at the College, which she entitled, "De Beers and Diamonds: Are They Forever?"

In the seminar, she uses the positive and negative aspects in the evolution of the economics of the diamond industry as the medium for teaching the students how to write at the college level.

In talking with a few of her students who had taken her seminar last semester, it became clear that beauty remains in the eyes of the beholder.

The male students in particular came away from the course understanding that diamonds, on a practical level, are completely overpriced.

The price of diamonds have increased as the result

of years of brilliant marketing and business tactics by De Beers, which equates love with diamonds. Scott Sutton '06 noted, "We're getting ripped off."

Similarly, Matt Wells '06 came to the conclusion that, "Diamonds are not all they're hyped up to be." Yet, Sara Goldberg '06, noting that there is a negative side to the diamond industry that people are not aware of, nevertheless expressed what has traditionally been the female point of view on the subject.

Goldberg does not hide the fact that she wants a diamond "on her finger," because she truly believes that "diamonds are more than just jewelry, they are a part of a family's history, resulting in no two diamonds being alike."

After writing a journal article about the diamond industry that ended up in the Houston Chronicle, Bergenstock received a call from 20/20 to invite her to the show. On Friday, Bergenstock will be watched



Donna Bergenstock, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics, teaches a first year seminar about diamond marketing.

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nationwide as she discusses the monopoly of De Beers and the distinguishing difference between jewel quality diamonds and cubic zirconias.

She will explain the manipulation of both the market and media by De Beers as a case study relevant to marketing and economics.

The 20/20 program will focus on determining if a diamond is real and the

naiveté of most diamond consumers. According to Bergenstock, the interviewer will be going to Grand Central Station in New York City to ask passersby if they can tell the difference between real diamonds and cubic zirconias.

Sharing the spotlight with Bergenstock, Christina Aguilera will also make an appearance on the Valentine's Day show special.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 4 - Vandalism - A garage door window was smashed at 2317 Liberty St.

Feb. 4 - Theft - A student discovered that his wallet had been stolen while making a trip through Seegers Union.

Feb. 5 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle that accumulated an unsettling amount of parking tickets was towed in Trexler parking lot.

Feb. 5 - Trespass - A book buyer made a trip to campus and was reprimanded for his visit with a letter of trespass issued to the company.

Feb. 5 - Harassment by Communication - A male caller has been harassing a student of Robertson hall. The case is under investigation.

Feb. 5 - Injured Student - A student suffered a theater related nose injury in Empie Theater. The student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Feb. 5 - Sexual Assault - A student of East Hall reported a sexual assault violation by a fraternity brother. The suspect is a student.

Feb. 6 - Vehicle Violation - A car was fitted with a boot in the Faculty parking lot for a lot of overdue parking tickets.

Feb. 6 - Harassment - A student-on-student confrontation on the Front Drive that involved obscene language left one student referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 6 - Assault - A student on student assault, which took place at TKE, was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 7 - Arrest - A student's car stuck a tree on Cedar Crest and Chew Streets. Campus Safety came to the aid in the accident.

Feb. 7 - Vandalism - The famous blue light vandal struck again and took out

his aggression on the blue beacon of hope in the East Hall archway. The blue light was found smashed on the ground nearby.

Feb. 7 - Assault - A student-on-student assault occurred at Sig Ep. Both students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 7 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle that was found in a handicapped parking space of Trexler parking lot was towed and the owner was found to owe over \$1,000 in outstanding parking tickets.

Feb. 7 - Vehicle Violation - A first year student was in violation of possessing a car while at school. A report was written and the student was told he had to take the car home.

Feb. 8 - Noise complaint - Four students of 323 22nd St. were referred to the Judicial Process after their disruptive house brought attention to itself and a visit from APD. The students were cited for their noise

violation. The four students were Michael Koth '03, John Caliso '03, Christopher Brown '03 and Alfredo Mercuri '03.

Feb. 8 - Trashing - Bags of trash dumped by first year students of Prosser Hall were dumped on the steps in the stairwell.

Feb. 9 - Alcohol Violation - Two non-students were arrested for being in violation of the legal drinking age. Andrew Ammon and Joshua Semanyk of Narbeth, Pa. were charged with underage consumption while Semanyk was also charged with public drunkenness.

Feb. 9 - Alcohol Violation - One student of Brown Hall was in violation of the drinking policy of the College and was referred to the Judicial Process. The one non-student in the company of the student was promptly issued a letter of trespass.

Feb. 10 - Fire Alarm - The housekeeping of

Prosser Hall sprayed cleaner into the smoke detector and sounded the alarms for an early morning wake up call for the first year students.

Feb. 10 - Vehicle Violation - A first year student was found with his car on campus. The student has been advised to return the car to his parents' home.

Feb. 10 - Harassment by Communication - A student of Martin Luther Hall received three harassing e-mails.

Feb. 10 - Theft - A tin money can with \$100 in its contents was stolen in the Center for the Arts.

Feb. 10 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm whose cause is unknown alerted Campus Safety and the fire department at 2216 Chew Street.

Feb. 10 - Theft from Vehicle - 140 CDs were stolen from a car on 23rd and Gordon St. The car was found with the driver's side window smashed and broken over the ground.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can."

-Danny Kaye

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO WOULD BE YOUR PERFECT VALENTINE?



"My boyfriend Mikey because he makes me laugh."

-Kelly Ward '04

"Matt Damon because he's Bostonian."

-Claire Peterson '03



"My girlfriend...duh."

-Rafael Bish '03

"Adam Sandler because he's Jewliscious."

-Gabrielle Sanders '06



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"How ya doin', Biggie Smalls?" Hip-hop and thug life examined



Lecturer David Lamb bluntly presents his opinions on the development of hip-hop music.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

BY MIKE YELLIN
Weekly Staff Writer

"History is a current event; what happened yesterday, happens today." So began the journey which David Lamb, a lawyer, author and professor took as he spoke to a packed Lithgow Auditorium. This journey went through a historical, political and sociological inquiry into the nature of hip-hop and thug life. Several years ago, Lamb created a course on hip-hop and society at John Jay College to further explore the topics covered in Lamb's two novels, *Do Platanos Go Wit' Collard Greens* and *The Trumpet is Blown*. His course and the series of lectures he now gives to students across America were inspired in part when he found that students in his classes "knew more about DMX than Malcolm X." Lamb wondered why the youth of America would look to self-proclaimed "pimps" as heroes.

Lamb considers rap and

the icons associated with it today to be a sellout to upper-middle class, white demands. While some earlier rap, like the original album by Ice Cube, dealt specifically with living in the projects and the struggles that artists had to overcome, this is no longer so. Hip-hop today has changed because of "society's pressures on African American artists to appeal to a larger, wider and white audience."

Lamb considers rap today to be a continuation of the racism that has gone on in this country's media for years. The reason he began his lecture with the quote about history being a current event is the selling out of rap to white audiences is the same thing that happened years ago; black actors did the same type of selling-out in the earlier part of the century. Black stereotypes have always sold well to white audiences, and unfortunately, now they are also selling to black youth.

When the question-and-answer period of the lecture began, one member of the audience pointed out the

success of Eminem, who raps about the poverty of his life and those struggles. The individual asked whether Lamb felt that Eminem was beneficial to making rap less about black stereotypes and more about the class struggles of America. Lamb responded that Eminem was simply another white demand. "We knew Eminem was coming," Lamb explained. "We've been trying to come up with a white rapper for years." He pointed out that it is the white youth of America that created today's concept of rap, and Eminem is just the end result of their desires. He pointed out that Vanilla Ice had the top selling rap album of all time, and the media considers Kenny G the king of jazz. It seems that rap with black origins has morphed into an art in which whites create what they want out of it.

Lamb raised some interesting points about how rap artists market themselves and how they are praised. Society has come to embrace artists who call themselves "pimps" -- is that the image original rap artists like Ice Cube wanted to display? "Jennifer Lopez is propped up as a role model for young Latin-American girls, yet consider what society thinks is her greatest ass-et." Lamb suggests that Lopez demonstrates that what is marketable to the mass public is an exaggeration of typical stereotypes.

Lamb closed by insisting he had a deep love for hip-hop. He also respects the culture from which the genre originated, but until someone proves to him that rappers today are truly "keepin' it real," he's convinced that hip-hop life will continue to be created by white America to embrace the stereotypes.

So many diners, so little time...

Trivet Family Restaurant: Perfect for the post-party brunch bunch

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Upon walking into a sea of silver-haired folk, one might think that, at first glance, Trivet Family Restaurant is a diner only for the after-church-early-bird-special type crowd. However, Muhlenberg students do frequent the establishment, as could be seen upon closer inspection; Trivet is apparently a happenin' place.

The diner, which is actually Trivet II, the second of a small "chain," if you will, is located on Rt. 309 and Tilghman Street. Its stone exterior gives way to a softly lit interior, complete with chandeliers and Tiffany-esque lamps. Matt Meyers commented that the heavy wooden chandelier did not fit with the pastel décor and expresses concern. "I don't want it to fall on my head," he worries. The rest of the interior, however, was quite consistent with a feathery print on the walls complimented by watercolors of

which wasn't exceptional. The diner rated an 8 for cleanliness.

Once the group was seated in stately ivory chairs in the main dining room, the waitress quickly gathered drink orders. The server was a smiling, cheerful girl who looked like Kit from *A*

League of Their Own, but with a much better attitude. Despite the busy time of day and the packed tables, she remained extremely willing to please. For her competence and attitude, she received a 9 for service.

Of his meal, Meyers commented that his coffee was "so strong it would make a New York bum do a back-

flip." His mushroom and cheese omelette "was exceptional, but the hash-browns leave something to be desired." He rated his meal a 6.5 out of 10.

Dave Sobotkin's meal consisted of eggs over easy and hash browns, which he described as "beh," meaning not great. The eggs weren't runny as they should be, but not terrible either. Overall,

"it wasn't bad, but it wasn't great." He rated his meal as a 7.

The turkey sandwich was good, and the meat was cut thickly right from the turkey itself. The lettuce was crisp, and the sandwich came with pickles and chips. The only problem was that the meat was a bit slimy for what it should have been. It was rated as a 7.5.

Jess Skrocki rated her grilled cheese as a 6.5. "It was not squished," she said,



Trivet, complete with Tiffany-esque lamps and pastel wallpaper, provides a serene dining location for the fifty-plus crowd, as well as students of the College.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

"the toasting was done well." She also ordered French onion soup, of which she remarked, "[the]

soup was really good. The ratios of the different ingredients were all perfectly in balance."

Rachel Schatz ordered a chicken salad which was arranged very nicely on her plate. The salad included peppers and onions, along with the traditional lettuce and tomato. The chicken was "very tasty and juicy," as Schatz said, and the croutons were made from real bread. She rated it as an 8.

Little extras at Trivet include a bakery window, two arcade games, an extremely extensive menu and, of course, 24-hour service. One drawback is that jelly was not served with the toast, and the ketchup may not have been Heinz (although it was in a Heinz bottle). One cannot

be sure.

At first glance, the diner appears expensive, but this could be because more food was ordered than usual. The salad was pricey, at \$7.00, but the grilled cheese was average, at \$2.50. The omelets cost \$5.60, and the turkey sandwich was \$3.75. In total, the entire meal cost \$30.69 for five people, including tax, but not including tip. It was well worth it, however, for such a good meal.

As long as you're not trying to avoid a "morning after" confrontation from your wild and crazy Saturday night, hit up this Allentown "hot spot" on a Sunday, or any day, for a dining treat.

Overall rating for service, cleanliness, and taste: 7.5

Sophomores dance the night away

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

If there was one word to describe the month of February, it would have to be "dance." Almost every week this month hosts a dance by some organization on campus. This past week was no different with the Sophomore Semiformal. A splendid array of music and food made the night a spectacular occasion.

Although the dance "officially" started at 10 p.m., things didn't really pick up until around midnight. No one wants to look too eager or make it seem like one has nothing to do on a Saturday, so the dance got off to a late start. Despite this, by the end of the night, the place was packed, and everyone rocked out and had an awesome time.

The food was exceptionally good. If anything, it was the worth the five dollars to get in just for the GQ-style mozzarella sticks and chicken fingers. Several students wrapped chicken fingers up in napkins so as to take them back to their

dorms. The drinks were classic school-style water and a punch type drinks. The appetizers gave the social butterflies a chance to enjoy themselves too. Even

"We try to advocate as many student performers as we can," stated Liz Einhorn '05, who coordinated the dance.

Also, at the entrance of the dance, carnations of several colors were available for purchase. With Valentine's Day looming closer and closer, flowers are on every guy's mind, or at least they should be. The carnations allowed for male students of all years to score some extra points before the big day this Friday. Colors included red, white, pink and this soft pinkish/orangey color. Basically, no matter what your

date was wearing, there was some fleshy flower that matched it.

The sophomores obviously went all out on this event. "Our main goal was just to get as many people as we could," said Einhorn. It was a great way to spend a Saturday night. Many students appreciated the chance to leave their college frump clothes behind for a few hours and jazz up their outfits and their attitudes with jokes, music, ties and spaghetti straps.



Students gather around a table to take a dancing break during the Sophomore Semiformal.

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if you couldn't dance, there was still a reason to go.

The music consisted mainly of modern pop, but it wasn't until the last half hour or so, when all those 80s tunes that everyone knows and loves blasted. At this point, everyone lost all inhibitions about dancing and the dance floor was packed. You just can't go wrong with songs from the 80s. The DJ for the event was DJ Jared, a student who gets much publicity by playing for many College events.



Trivet Family Restaurant appears brightly lit on the outside with a soft, relaxing ambience on the inside. It is open twenty four hours a day.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

wild flowers and tulips -- no fake flowers there. The smoking section was made up of amber shades in the tiled walls and burgundy counter seating, complete with backs on the stools.

Besides being decently decorated, Trivet was "jovially decorated with a Happy Valentine's Day banner," said Rachel Schatz. Not only was the diner aesthetically pleasing, it was clean as well, with the exception of the bathroom,

These four walls: Dorm room entertainment when boredom strikes again

BY ANNA NORMAN
Weekly Staff Writer

Do huge fraternity parties, clubs or bars sound familiar? Probably not. Here at the College in ol' Allentown, little occurs on a regular weekend. When either the Campus Police or the Allentown Police Department break up the parties that are held, Muhlenberg students are forced to find other ways to amuse and entertain themselves. Of course, there are upperclassmen that live off campus who are privileged to have the freedom to do as they wish. For the rest of Muhlenberg's population, however, a creative mind is necessary.

After homework is done, students simply try to find ways to relax. Reading "for fun" isn't much of an option. Since students are doing sufficient reading for their classes, they do not want to do any additional reading for pleasure. The next available and accessible alternative is watching

television. Emily Steginsky '06, describes the importance of having a TV in one's room. "I have my particular shows that I watch faithfully each week. Most of the time, though, the TV is off because I cannot con-

centrate on my work and watch TV at the same time." Without television, one would have to admit, students might study more, but it is hard to resist the temptation of the tube.

For those with a greater attention span, DVDs are the way to go. A DVD is packed with so much entertainment it takes several hours to finish watching one with all the special features and bonus material. With the ability to rent DVDs from Blockbuster (which is conveniently right up the street)

and other video stores, students can stock up on as many DVDs as they like and spend quality, reality-avoiding hours in their rooms.

There is one more option for dorm room entertainment: Dance Dance Revolution. DDR is a new, innovative way for children, teenagers and adults to have fun while getting some exercise into their day. Basically, all one has to do is pop in the game, watch the screen religiously and follow the arrows' directions while upbeat music pulses. The game is compatible with a DVD player and there is a visual aid for those that need the extra help. Abby Van Houten '05 can agree with the benefits of this new

form of entertainment, "DDR is the most amazing game ever invented...you simultaneously have fun and get a workout." DDR can replace a high intensity cardio workout; it is fun, upbeat and burns crazy calories.

In this age of technology, boredom is easily avoidable. Besides the old fashioned entertainment that our parents resorted to like playing cards or checkers, today's students have many more alternatives. With a multitude of movies, DVDs, television shows and even video/exercise games, there is practically no reason to ever leave your dorm room other than going to class, of course.



Abby Van Houten '05 shows off her Dance Dance Revolution skills.

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Dance, dance, dance!



Muhlenberg dancers show their grace and skill in the Student Dance Concert.

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BY LAUREN DEFILIPPO
Weekly Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Muhlenberg dancers showcased their incredible talents at the Faculty Student Dance Concert. The show consisted of eight original pieces, choreographed by members of the faculty and guest choreographers. The concert took place in the Empie Theater in the Center for the Arts, and there was a large and captivated audience for each of the shows.

All of the dance pieces were very modern, with different styles and types of music and costuming included in each of them. One of the pieces, creatively called Kaleidoscopia, an original piece choreographed by Susan Creitz, integrated live singing from her close friend, Judi Silvano. Judi, a New York resident and jazz vocalist, sang a song that she composed, called "Dust," along with four Muhlenberg students, while the dancers in Kaleidoscopia created a vivid image on the stage. Another dance piece in the concert, called "...the theft I made of the flower of my mind," included a modernized look at the art of dance, while having a recording of an opera piece playing in the background, combined with French and English spoken text.

In the second half of the concert, there was an interesting and incredibly different dance piece called "Thread of

Memory." This performance started off with the dancers pulling three long strings across the stage, to signify actual "threads of memory." Throughout the performance, the dancers were able to showcase their acting skills, while they told the audience about memories they had of their pasts and backgrounds. This piece was absolutely touching and it was very unique, also. The performance not only involved dancing, but also showed a hands-on approach to the art form, while integrating comedy and beautiful music. The audience was left absolutely speechless after this particular performance.

The Faculty Student Dance Concert was definitely a success. It combined many different looks at modern dance forms, while still incorporating a large amount of basic dancing routines. Out of the eight performances in the two hour concert, each showcased a distinctive type of dance and costuming, and this, in turn, made the concert so interesting to watch. Audiences were thoroughly impressed with the caliber of this dance concert, which exposed Muhlenberg students and families to the demanding work that goes into a production directed by professional choreographers and artists.

horoscopes

Compiled by Mama Schatz and Miss Philli D'Vine

Aries

You're dying for those heart and polka-dot printed undies for Valentine's Day. No sweat, you'll get them in time for the Big Day. Hey, your mom always hooks you up! She's the best Valentine you could ever ask for. Besides, you have no one else.

Taurus

Calm down with the chocolate! It's not even Valentine's Day yet, and your hot pink zebra-striped spandex pants are starting to chafe! Don't be a puff-ball couch potato. When you pop out of your sexy black pants, you will not attract that potential hook-up you have your eye on. Be conservative while watching your holiday candy intake.

Gemini

Since it's Valentine's Day, you've become more tolerant of the XXX e-mails you get from porn sites. You always delete them, but this is a lustful time. Indulge! It may get you in the mood and help out with your recent arousal problem. Hey, at this point,

you're willing to try anything.

Cancer

It's time to do something wild. You have your sweetie, you have your crazy nature. Explore the wide-world of campus. Instead of watching a steamy movie this Valentine's Day, rendezvous with some friends on the 50-yard line, and play some 3:30 a.m. football. Play spin-the-bottle. C'mon, be wild for once!

Leo

You've been giving that love interest of yours the "googly" eye to get that person's attention. Tone down the looks a little...Mr. Right may think you have conjunctivitis. No one wants to have a horrifying and flesh eating bacterial infection as a Valentine's Day present. Stick to the 20 cent Tickle Me Elmo valentines from CVS.

Virgo

You have a strange secret admirer. You find rose petals in your notebooks, shower caddy, and the right-foot of your pajama Care Bear

socks. You don't know where the webcam on the top of your dresser came from. You have a stalker, dude!

Libra

Valentine's day evening. Your roommate is going home. Finally some privacy. Hunker down with the honey, scarf down some hot chocolate, and watch *The Breakfast Club*. Judd Nelson may be old now, but in the mid-80s, he was the Valentine on every girls' mind. Well, maybe not every girl, but lots of them. Well, maybe only a few. Okay, none.

Scorpio

On Valentine's Day, have you thought, "I wonder where cupid is?" But then you stop and think, "Well since I am an outcast, I don't have any friends, and I smell, then why would Cupid force someone to be with me?" Thinking like that makes you sad. Don't think like that, okay? Okay.

Sagittarius

Chances are you didn't even know about V-Day. It seems as if you have your head in the

clouds lately -- smoke clouds. Get yourself out of this hazy stupor because your parents have disowned you, your dog has worms, and your sweetie has been sleeping with sister. Face reality and get some real help. Salt and Blistex may be your natural remedies for all of life's problems.

Capricorn

You're too busy not doing your homework this week...not gonna lie. Stop scoping the babes. They aren't looking back, fool. Maybe you should shower too. No one likes a stinky-pants.

Aquarius

Go and do the naughtiest thing you can

think of...naughtier than ripping the "do not remove" patch off your mattress. That's right, scrape off those annoying messages on those candy hearts, ditch your career plans to become a music therapist, and be an original conversation heart composer. Be sure to include phrases like "a sphincter says what?" on your spiciest of sweets.

Pisces

Ever since the aliens ate your fingernails, you've loved that bitten look that your nails have. You will soon have to get used to a freshly shaved look, because the aliens will go after you hair. Never fear, there are some lovely wig shops. If wigs are itchy, you can go for a pink bandana. The 80s are in, baldy.

Common's "Electric Circus" lights up the ears

BY CHRISSY CULOTTA
Business Manager

It has been a long time since hip-hop had a meaningful message, one that was not about Cristal or Gucci shoes, that is. You won't find profound adages in hip-hop until you listen to Common, a hip-hop artist who infuses more soul and complex musical influences into his music than many other artists and whose words pack more than just rhythm.

Common released his fifth studio album *Electric Circus*, which is a throwback to former music mogul Jimi Hendrix. Hendrix supplied the downtown Manhattan studio, the same studio in which Common's new album has been recorded. Common employed a variety of other artists to help him blend a mix of soul, hip-hop, rock and psychedelic influences into each song, and the list includes Erykah Badu, Sonny of P.O.D., and Jill Scott just to name a few.

The album is dripping with his predecessor's trippy hooks and bass lines and softened with silky smooth vocals. The album is a rich combination reminiscent of Arrested Development and even the newer works of such artists as The Roots.

Common has brought in the influences of classic rock stars such as Pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, Joni Mitchell and even John Lennon to create a more extensive range of music. But his most impressive infusion of these different artists is the track "Electric Wire Hustler Flower," which is as eccentric as its title.

Other noteworthy tracks include a duet with Mary J. Blige, entitled "Come Close," which is akin to "The Light," a song that gained him widespread recognition. Also, "Jimi was a Rock Star," a collaboration with love interest Erykah Badu, shines well beyond its four-minute duration.

The album maintains a strong and determined tone throughout all thirteen tracks, and brings introspective and sophisticated themes to a genre of music that is oversaturated with mediocrity. Although there were specific instances where certain tracks missed their mark, on the whole *Electric Circus* brings eclectic elements to the table and combines them with ease.

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Men's basketball falls, but finishes strong

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not satisfied with bringing the Mules within three. Anderson cut the Red Devils lead to an even smaller margin when he robbed guard Billy Hagan. Anderson dribbled around his back to break free of the Dickinson defense at the top of the key and found himself with a wide-open half court to lay in two more points.

The Mules trailed by one point with 2:47 left in the first half. Dickinson's guard Hagan made up for his turnover and hit a three with time winding down. Muhlenberg's other guard, Senior Raushan Person hit a three to tie things up at 37 with thirty-four seconds remaining in the half. However, the Red Devils pulled away at the end of the first half with a halftime score of 41-37.

The Mules had their work cut out for them in the second half if they wanted to come out with the win. In the second half, Senior tri-captain guard Anthony Strachan spun and released a floater over the low post Dickinson defense with only two minutes into the second half.

Dickinson came back

with a simple underhand ally-oop lob from Hagan to forward Schwadron who caught the pass in the air and slammed it down with two hands to put the Red Devils up 46-37.

The Mules came back and calmed the Red Devils after what seemed like one of the highlight dunks of their mediocre season. Jemmott nailed a jumper with a hand in his face and Anderson pierced through Dickinson's defense. He banked it home for two on consecutive possessions.

The Mules found themselves down 49-47 with a majority of the second half to come back. With 12:15 remaining, guard Billy Hagan drove hard down the lane and layed it in for two and forced the ref to blow the whistle on a controversial foul on Anderson. On several consecutive possessions, Hagan managed to draw fouls on numerous Mules as he poked his way in and out of the Muhlenberg defense.

Once Muhlenberg regained possession, Anderson pulled up for a deep three and was fouled. Anderson converted on his free throw to complete the four-point play and kept Muhlenberg within five at

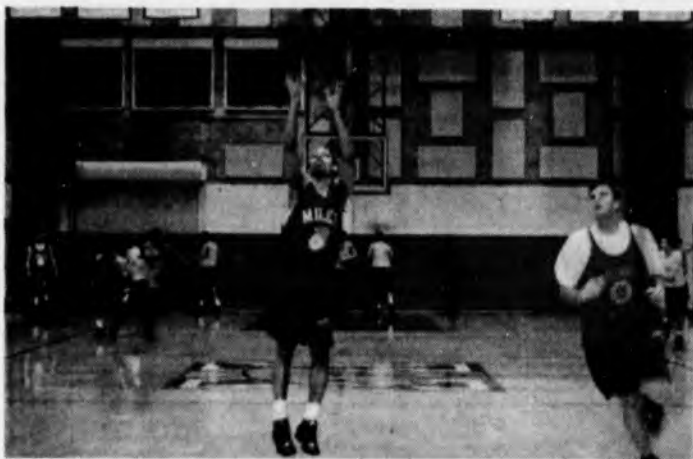
58-53 with over ten minutes remaining in the game.

On several Muhlenberg possessions following Anderson's four-point play, Anderson continued to nail threes.

With just under five minutes remaining, Anderson hit another three to bring the Mules within two at 70-68. Muhlenberg had not led at all during the second half and the two-point margin was as close as they were going to get with time winding down in the game. John Jamont's offensive rebound to bank it back in with nine seconds remaining, Mules down 81-76, was not enough. The Dickinson Red Devils pulled away with the win 83-76.

Although Muhlenberg lost a hard fought game, several Mules finished strong in defeat. Toomey Anderson scored eighteen of his career high 25 points in the second half, and rounded of his game with five assists and three blocks.

John Jemmott had a very solid game with eighteen points and ten rebounds, his third double-double of the season and Anthony Strachan recorded his seventh double-double of the season with sixteen points and eleven rebounds.



Sophomore Dante Borden practices free throws.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL



The Indoor track team sprints to the finish during practice.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Indoor track team breaks many records

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dles with a time of 8.91 behind Mette Svarrer with a time of 8.37, from Villanova University. Hankee's time qualified her for the ECAC Championships. Freshman Danielle Seiler won the 400m with a time of 1:01.00, missing the school record by less than a half-second.

Sophomore Emily Yedowitz placed second in the triple jump with a jump of 9.88m just behind Diamond Jones with a jump of 10.19m, from West Chester College.

The Mules will be at Bucknell this Saturday for the Winter Classic.

This Week's Schedule

Thursday

Women's Basketball

Mules at Bryn Mawr

at 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Wrestling

Mules vs. Messiah

with Gallaudet

at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Women's Basketball

Mules vs. Washington

at 4:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Mules vs. Washington

at 2:00 p.m.

Wrestling

Mules at Baptist Bible

with Elizabethtown

at 1:00 p.m.

Indoor Track

Mules at Bucknell

Winter Classic

at 10:30

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Basketball players achieve great accomplishments

Anthony Strachan and Becky Richmond show their abilities

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Two milestones were reached for the Muhlenberg Basketball Teams last week, as Senior Anthony Strachan and Junior Becky Richmond both were honored. Strachan broke the Muhlenberg all time steals record, while Richmond was named Centennial Conference co-player of the week.

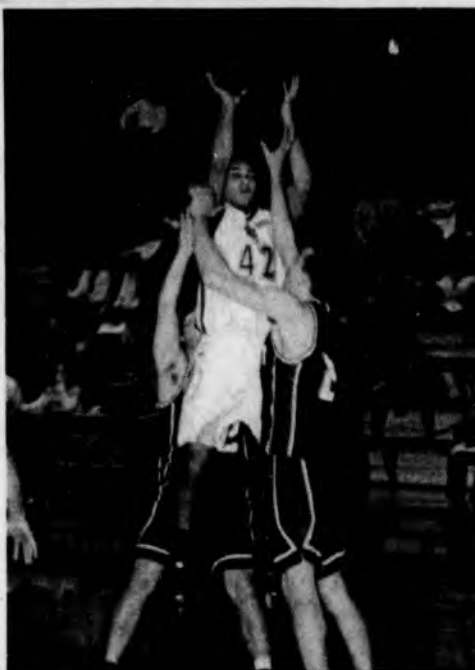
Tri-captain Anthony Strachan recorded four steals against Moravian to become the Mules' all time leader in thefts with 162. He broke the previous record of 158, which was set by Dennis Adams in 1994.

"It is a great record to have broken, and I worked really hard to do so. I never imagined I could ever record over 158 steals, but it proves to me that if I keep my focus and playing hard I can accomplish things I never thought I was capable of doing before," Strachan said.

Strachan also became the leader in steals for a single game earlier this season, when he recorded nine against Arcadia. The previous record for steals in a single game was seven, set by both Mike Gramer and Ernie Koschinek in 1993.

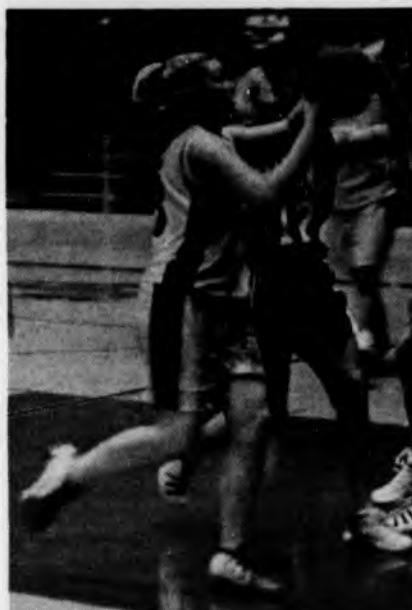
Becky Richmond also earned recognition last week, as she was named Centennial Conference co-player of the week. Richmond was honored last week, when she scored 14 points and added nine rebounds to lead the Muhlenberg women's basketball team to a 55-53 win over Swarthmore. The win was the one that put the Mules (10-5, 6-0) in first place in the Centennial Conference East Division, and fifth in the Middle Atlantic Regional Rankings.

Leading the Mules in rebounds with 8.2 per game, Richmond is also ranked third in steals with twenty and second in scoring, averaging 9.4 points per game.



Senior Anthony Strachan shows his incredible abilities.

PHOTOS BY BEN PATTON



Junior Becky Richmond successfully contributes to her team.

PHOTOS BY BEN PATTON

Wrestling team falls to Hunter and Lycoming Colleges

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules (10-9) wrestling team did not have a very victorious weekend. The Mules fell to all three competitors on Saturday at Hunter College. Despite the fact that two of the competitors were ranked in the top twenty. The wrestling team fell to York College 46-6 Lycoming College 45-6, and Hunter College 31-10.

Freshman Dale Mills (149) won two decisions of his three bouts, which allowed him to tie the school record for most wins as a freshman with 28; his overall record is now 28-7. Mills took down Jimmy Russial from York College and Joe Cortez from Hunter College. Mills tied now-assistant coach Bill Holsinger who has held this record since 1999.



Mule wrestlers try to take each other down during a hard day of practice.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Senior Joe Salerno (157) went 2-0, taking down Lycoming's Tony Melendez and York's Kevin Ferraro.

Teammate Senior Nate Yeasted (141) went 2-1 with a major decision against Hunter's John Signoriello and a decision against Matt Hoffman from Lycoming College. Senior Jed Wulfekotte (125) had a take down as well against Hunter College's Mike Chesbro.

The Mules wrestling team will host Messiah and

Gallaudet on Friday. The wrestlers will be on the road at Baptist Bible with Elizabethtown on Saturday.

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Indoor track has several amazing individual finishes



The indoor track team practices hard in between meets.



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BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg indoor track and field team did it again this weekend at Ursinus's Grizzly

Invitational. The Mules had an impressive day, breaking four school records and tying another.

Senior Will Elson won the 800m with a time of 1:55.73, which ties the school record that he set in 2001. His competitor from Widener University was a little over three seconds behind him. Elson's time at this meet has qualified him for the ECAC Championships.

Teammate Freshman Alex Hotz had a great day as well. Hotz broke the school record in the 3,000m with a time of 8:53.02 and additionally qualified for the ECAC Championships. He finished second to runner Stefan Kolata, from the University of Pennsylvania.

The men's 4x400m relay team also broke a school record, finishing first with a time of 3:27.51, as well as the men's 4x200m relay team also set a school record 1:34.40 although they placed third in the meet behind Widener University and West Chester College. Junior Richard Kipp ran on the 4x400m relay team with Juniors Ben Phillips and Josh Cohen and Freshman Drew Nishiyama, which ran on both teams. Sophomore John Brodowski was the fourth man for the 4x200m team.

Brodowski also did well individually. He won the high jump with a height of 6'4" and placed third in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.10 behind an athlete from Haverford and Lebanon Valley Colleges.

Junior Joshua Boyer placed in all three jumps he took part in at the meet. Boyer took second in the long jump, just behind Quinlan Amos from Johns Hopkins, with a jump of 6.25m. In the triple jump he also placed second behind Brian Walsh from University of Pennsylvania and fourth in the high jump with a height of 6'0".

The women's team broke one school record and also had an ECAC qualifier in addition to the men's team. Junior Diana Garretto placed fifth in the 800m run. She broke her second school record of the season with a time of 2:25.40. Sophomore Ashlie Hankee placed second in the 55m hur-

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Blue Jays soar over women's basketball

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Mules (13-7, 9-1) were defeated by Johns Hopkins (15-5, 9-1), in a 42-61 loss. This game put an abrupt end to their sixteen game Centennial Conference winning streak.

The Blue Jays held Muhlenberg scoreless for the first nine minutes of the game, but despite the rough start, the Mules had a 10-4 run right before halftime, cutting the Hopkins lead to only nine at the half.

Soon after, the Mules came within seven at the 10:21 mark with a three pointer from Sophomore Gwen Doyle, but Hopkins stormed back with a 9-0 run. From this point on, the Mules were kept from coming within thirteen points of the Blue Jays for the rest of the game.

The Mules, who were held to a season low of 42 points, fell to 13-7 overall. They do, however, still remain in first place in the Centennial East Division with a 9-1 record.

Doyle, who finished with nine points, and Junior

Susan Marchiano who tallied eight points led Muhlenberg. Marchiano also recorded five rebounds. Senior Becky Richmond and Junior Lindsay Tis also each chipped in seven points and four rebounds.

Senior Randi Baran and Freshman Stephanie Coluccini led the Mules in rebounds, both finishing with eight. Baran also led Muhlenberg in assists with two.

The Mules will be at Bryn Mawr on Thursday night and will host Washington this Saturday after the men's game.

Red Devils escort the men's basketball team into a greater hell

BY MARC WEINREICH
Weekly Sports Writer

After a seven-point loss to Moravian on Jan. 3, the Mules (7-12, 1-7) looked to put their loss behind them and rebound at home against Dickinson's struggling Red Devils, (6-12, 1-6). Since both the Mules and the Red Devils have records below .500 wins are hard to come by.

However, in a game where both teams have a combined two wins in the Conference, neither team would settle for anything less than hard-nosed defense and high percentage

shots on the offense.

The Mules jumped out to an early lead in the first half after Senior guard Anthony Strachan converted on a three point play to put Muhlenberg ahead of Dickinson, 23-19. Only a few minutes later, Senior tri-captain guard Toomey Anderson dribbled around the top of the key until he spotted a hole and penetrated through the Dickinson defense for two points.

Dickinson answered with three-point plays on consecutive possessions and cut Muhlenberg's lead to three points with less than five minutes remaining in the first half.

Dickinson's first half offense was sparked by Senior guard Billy Hagan who spun around Muhlenberg low post defense and dished it off to Freshman forward George Alafonginis for two and cut Muhlenberg's lead to one.

On Dickinson's next possession, Senior forward Jon Schwadron grabbed an offensive rebound and banked it back in to put the Red Devils up 33-27 with just a little over four minutes remaining in the first half.

Muhlenberg had answers to Dickinson's stellar offense in sophomore forward John Jemmott and

Toomey Anderson. Jemmott hit a fade away jumper down low in the key directly in front of the basket and Toomey Anderson hit a three to make it a one-possession game for Muhlenberg at 35-32. Anderson was

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FBI requests information from colleges

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

As part of the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has begun requesting personal information about foreign students and faculty from colleges and universities.

The request has ignited objection from the schools regarding the privacy of the students, faculty and staff and the extent to which the USA PATRIOT Act gives the FBI access to such information.

According to *The Washington Post*, the FBI contests it needs the information to investigate possible ties that students or teachers may have with suspected terrorists. The FBI and the Justice Department cite the antiter-

rorism language in the USA PATRIOT Act as allowing their access to student and faculty information. In contrast, the U.S. Department of Education advised schools that the FBI requires a court order or subpoena to obtain some of the information they are requesting.

Bill Carter, an FBI spokesman, said, "There's no requirement on the part of the colleges to provide this information. We can request it, and they can provide the information. They don't have to comply."

While colleges and universities are not obligated to comply, approximately 200 schools affirmed in a national survey that they had offered information to the FBI following a request, frequently without a subpoena.

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Snowbound students spend time outdoors and out of class

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

As the record breaking amount of snow descended upon campus on Feb. 16 and continued until Feb. 17, the question on everyone's mind was whether or not school would be cancelled for once this winter due to weather conditions.

The snow began at around 2:00

p.m. on Sunday night and continued into the early evening of Monday when the flurries finally came to a halt after a 24-hour blizzard emergency.

The heaping amounts of snow brought forth the cancellation of school.

Many students found themselves on that Sunday afternoon glued to

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Employees of the College clear the massive amounts of snow in the parking lot behind the Center for the Arts.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER



Protestors filled the streets during the rally in New York City.

PHOTO BY ERIN McMENAMIN

Students rally at UN for anti-war protest

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

The feeling one gets while marching through the streets of a major U.S. city is one that is exciting and electrifying. This feeling was achieved by many involved with the protest and rally that took place on Feb. 15, when United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ) organized one of the largest rallies ever held to protest the war in Iraq. The rally, with over 50 participants from the College and surrounding schools, was scheduled to take place on First Ave. and 49th St, but crowds spilled over as far as Lexington Ave. and as far north as 72nd St. The police had pens set up twenty blocks north of the rally site that were being filled with protesters.

While UFPJ estimated around 500,000 people in attendance at the rally, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly placed the attendance number closer to 100,000. Scoffed one protester, "Bollocks! I heard there were twelve [protestors] and the rest of us were there for a nice walk."

However, it was not only the size of the crowd in New York that made the day historic for visitors from the College and elsewhere. Protests for peace were held all over the world, over six hundred cities in all, according to the UFPJ

website. Nearly a million people congregated in London, making it the city's largest protest on record. Protests were held on every continent and there was even an event at the McMurdo Station in Antarctica.

The numbers alone are overwhelming, but it was the diversity of the crowds in New York that truly impressed protesters. Young and old of all different races and ethnicities marched together, united by a common desire for a peaceful resolution. Lisa Perfetti, Assistant Professor of French, said, "So often when the media shows images of protest rallies, they show a five-second clip of people dressed in a way that makes them fit the stereotype of the 'hippy radical,' a simplistic portrayal that ends up trivializing the ideas behind the demonstrations. I was struck by the incredible diversity of people marching in the rally yesterday. I walked next to people in their sixties, people in wheelchairs, young couples carrying their infants, people of many ethnicities and people shouting slogans in Spanish, French and Arabic."

"It was inspiring to feel part of this incredibly rich community of people all gathering together in the bitter cold to commit to their passionate belief in the possibility for

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Condemning FBI collection of data on foreign-born persons

Concurrent with the so-called War on Terror's foreign operations, domestic implications have begun to invade college campuses across the U.S. As reported in this issue of The Weekly (see "FBI requests information from colleges" on page 1), the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiated an effort to collect information on foreign-born students, faculty and staff at colleges and universities throughout the nation.

It is with vigor that *The Weekly* Editorial Board opposes the use of an overinclusive mechanism for collecting data on college personnel and students as a means of preventing terrorism. Recent history, albeit pre-Sept. 11, shows that those who carry out acts of terror come from within our own borders, from those born on U.S. soil. Reaching back even further, and more importantly, history demonstrates that those who emigrate to the United States are often more dedicated to this nation than those who are born here.

Have nineteen foreign-born terrorists affected us so profoundly that we wish to pigeonhole all persons on college campuses throughout the nation as suspect? Have the same nineteen led us to forget the contributions of immigrants to our nation? Have the nineteen caused us to forget that those born inside this nation's borders have committed acts of terror? We must not allow this group to trigger a nationally endorsed policy of profiling—dragging a net that is far too wide to selectively catch would-be terrorists and exclude those with true and admirable intentions.

The same voice that opposes the FBI's collection of data on foreign-born persons must also commend the College's decision not to provide such information to the FBI. *The Weekly* has faith that the College will remain steadfast.

The American essence

David Melman
Weekly Guest Columnist

Polls consistently show that most Americans display elements of patriotism and are generally proud to be citizens of the United States. A recent poll conducted in part through the political science department revealed that approximately 90 percent of Muhlenberg students are proud to be Americans. That is, I suppose, they are generally satisfied with the ideals and ideologies for which the United States stands. And why shouldn't they be proud? Is not the democratic ideal of the United States a noble cause worth upholding and preserving, even through altruism and self-sacrifice? In theory, the United States, as defined constitutionally, is a land of universal liberty, justice and equality; that is, a pluralist, utilitarian land where the general well-being of the masses comes foremost on America's agenda. However, the very same poll mentioned above indicated that roughly half of the student body believes that it is various

elitist, corporate interest groups that are benefiting most from American society, perhaps at the expense of the ordinary population. What explains this contradiction? How could the theoretical ideals of the United States vary so much from those dictated by realistic actions? Furthermore, how could so many Muhlenberg students and

To subjugate a specific group of people violates the most essential dogma of theoretical Americanism, the preservation of diversity.

Americans be proud of a country they feel overwhelmingly serves the interests of the wealthiest top few percent? Clearly, fundamental truth as stated by political rhetoric is not the same as what is true in reality.

The contradictory hypocrisy of the United States can be understood most clearly when viewed in the light of American westward expansion and the Native American experience during the 19th century.

American conquest of North America was justified by Manifest Destiny, stating that God has destined the United States to spread its enabling and uplifting democratic institutions from the East Coast to the West Coast. How ironic it was that in order for Americans to spread democracy, diversity, freedom of culture and civil rights, they first had to conquer an entire population of Native Americans, destroying their society, hoarding them into assigned reservations, and committing various acts of genocide throughout the course of the affair? To subjugate a specific group of people violates the most essential dogma of theoretical Americanism, the preservation of diversity. Yet, through the 1800s, such a violation was justified under a religious pretext (it goes without saying that separation of church and state is also supposedly a crucial element of American society).

What then are the implications of America's historical atrocities committed in the name of spreading democracy?

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

In this time of worldwide uncertainty, President Steffy, the senior administrative staff and I want to reassure students, faculty, staff and parents

also are contingency plans to deal with issues such as communications, food, water, heat and electricity.

Our staff meets regularly with local, county and state emergency response agencies. We

The importance of campus security

that the College places the highest importance on safety. Although we have not had any information suggesting that the College would be any type of target, you should know that there are contingency and emergency information plans already in place.

The College has had a crisis planning and management team for a number of years. This group meets regularly, discusses potential issues and simulates disaster drills. Our plan has been applied to a variety of situations. It has worked well. There

with all area hospitals and law enforcement groups. We will continue to monitor local and regional conditions and alert the campus community as the need arises.

We know that communication is important in these situations. Accordingly, we have developed the following multiple ways to disseminate information or to contact students or the College if there were emergency conditions:

1. We have a special recorded message line for weather and emergency updates, 484-664-6000.

2. The College would implement an information phone bank at 484-664-3100.

3. The College

would implement a Call Center, staffed by counselors (as we did on Sept. 11) to assist students having difficulty placing calls to family.

4. The College's web site would have emergency information available (www.muhlenberg.edu).

5. The College would monitor e-mail messages sent to "emergency@muhlenberg.edu".

6. The College's intranet and Message Board would have emergency information available.

7. The College has an emergency e-mail system to contact all faculty, staff and students.

These are just a few of the items that we review on a regular basis. This notice is not meant to alarm anyone, but to reassure parents, students, faculty and staff that we have been planning for emergency conditions and that safety and security are our top priorities.

--Rudy Ehrenberg
Dean of Students

To the Editor:

Greek life at Muhlenberg College has progressed through the years. Since the fall of 1984, when the first sorority was founded on this campus, three more sororities were added with the encouragement and enthusiasm of each organization's members being able to help at the college, as well as within the surrounding community. As calculated by Chip Hurd, the Dean of

Greek life offers diversity

Greek Life, currently 24 percent of the entire school is Greek and 30 percent of all those eligible are Greek. There are members from each sorority that are involved in a vast amount of clubs and organizations on the Muhlenberg College campus. All the sororities participate in Mitzvah Day and Jefferson Field Day, as well as many other activities and service projects on and off campus. There are community service projects, such as Perfect Fit, where sororities will include people that are not in a sorority.

Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Sigma have helped and raised money for a variety of organizations. Nationally these organizations include the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Galludet College for the Hearing Impaired, the Children's Miracle Network, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Locally, the

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The U.S. should not appease Iraq

Thomas Marcinek
Weekly Guest Columnist

In the last few months, our country, as well as the rest of the world, has been consumed with the situation manifesting itself on the international stage. Even here on the College Campus there have been flyers and speakers protesting the potential "War with Iraq." Many people against the war, who have listened to President Bush's speeches and Secretary of State Powell's presentations to the U.N. Security Council over the past months, claim they are still not convinced that Iraq presents a threat to the United States and the other nations in the Middle East.

Many protesters claim they have not heard enough evidence that Saddam Hussein is a threat. I have not heard enough evidence that he is not a threat. I have not heard any reason-

able alternative to enforcing compliance on Iraq. Colin Powell outlined to the U.N. Security Council details about Iraq's secret movements designed to conceal and evade full compliance with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Powell presented secret intercepted communications between Iraqi soldiers discussing how they were tipped off to the location the inspectors were going to visit. Powell also presented satellite photos of trucks loaded with weapons moving days before the inspectors were to visit those sites. Iraq also had refused to allow private interviews with key scientists involved with the weapons program. This is clear evidence that Iraq has something to hide. The U.N. resolution 1441 specifically required full

compliance by Iraq. If they do not fully comply, they are considered in "material breach" of the resolution, and being in material breach comes with "serious consequences." Iraq has been in material breach ever since they failed to list materials they were known to have by the U.N. in their first submission last year.

Is it worth the risk to world security to allow Saddam to continue to develop weapons of mass destruction?

use of force is the only option. The U.N. risks losing its credibility on the international stage if they do not enforce the resolution they already passed. What does that say about the meaning of a U.N. resolution? 1441 was not designed to leave the burden of proof on inspectors.

1441 explicitly puts the burden of proof on Iraq to provide inspectors with all relevant information. This is also a clear indication that Iraq does not want to comply fully with its obligation in 1441. How long will the U.N. allow Iraq to defy its authority? Is it worth the risk to world security to allow Saddam to continue to develop weapons of mass destruction?

I suggest that we examine all the evidence and realize that while war is never pleasant, it may be necessary in this case. We cannot afford to make a mistake in this area because the safety of the people of the United States as well as our allies are at risk.

The claim that attacking Iraq will only incite more terrorism is a defeatist and appeasement attitude. Allowing Iraq to continue to defy the U.N. will not make a more secure world, just as appeasement of Nazi Germany did not produce a safer world. Appeasement never works. Only strong decisive action will make the world safer in the long term for our future and our children's future.

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How much freedom should the United States have to dictate world policy and influence other nation's actions relating to discrimination and ethnic cleansing despite its own tainted past? Realistically it should be recognized that historically "might makes right," and probably will continue to do so. Human nature is generally opportunistic, selfish and violent, and nations often rise to the top at the expense of those that fall. The United States fits this model appropriately. However, how moral is the "might makes right" concept? It cannot be deemed as ethically sound simply because it is part of human nature. With the philosophy that immoral means should justify no end, the existence of the United States is ethically illegitimate, as is that of all nations who rise to power through conquest and destruction. The hypocrisy of the United States in its past chillingly reveals its contemporary essence.

High school basketball exploitation

Eric Prock
Weekly Guest Columnist

Some people say that I am jealous of his athletic ability. Others say that I am envious of the national exposure that he is receiving. They say that I wouldn't be complaining if I was in his shoes. You know what, they're right. I wouldn't be complaining because I wouldn't have allowed myself to be so egregiously exploited. I wouldn't have so many people wanting to be my best friend because there would be no financial benefits from such an association with me. But apparently, LeBron James and I do not share similar attitudes.

LeBron James, the St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School basketball All-American, will forgo his college eligibility for the chance to become the number one pick in the 2003 NBA Draft. But James is not the only high schooler to choose such a path. Kevin Garnett, Jermaine O'Neal and Kobe Bryant all skipped college in favor of the NBA, and all have experienced significant success. The difference in James's case is that he is receiving much more national exposure. This is why I have such a problem with James. Although I would never choose to relinquish the opportunity to attend college, I have no problem with others if they choose to do so. Some people have academic and intellectual talents, and others have athletic talents. If those with academic talents are not chastised for cultivating them and fulfilling their potential, why should people with athletic talents be looked down upon for doing the same thing? They shouldn't, and my problem with LeBron James is not in the fact that he is going straight from college to the NBA, my problem is with all of the exposure he is receiving for doing so.

I mean, he's been blessed with a talent for playing basketball. That's great, good for him. But I consider it a bit much when I turn on ESPN and find his game being televised. That's ridiculous. He's in

high school. There's no reason why his game should be on national television. The kid is being exploited to the umpteenth degree. ESPN is increasing its viewership by televising his games, his school is receiving money for permitting this to occur, yet he is unable to legally collect anything for his athletic talent. By allowing this to happen, James is putting himself in a precarious situation. He is not legally permitted to use his athletic fame for his monetary advantage. Specifically, he is not allowed to receive gifts from his athletic talents that exceed 100 dollars. Yet, he has recruiters and scouts shoving expensive merchandise in his face in the hopes that he will befriend them. And he expects the public to be sympathetic towards him when allegations of illegal activity are thrown his way. I don't feel sorry for him at all. If he wants the fame, he has to be ready to deal with all of the tangential aspects of being famous.

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Weekly Discourse: Sport Utility Vehicles *Hard on the environment or needed for travel?*

Sujata Adamson-Mohan
Weekly Guest Columnist

Hummer H2, Range Rover, Escalade, Navigator; the list is endless. Along with these popular vehicles, it seems like just about every car manufacturer out there is jumping at the chance to design a Sports Utility Vehicle of its own. Both Porsche and Volvo rang in the New Year with new advertisements for their SUVs. Hummer also created the new H2 in 2003 at a lower price to satisfy the demands of consumers. Undoubtedly, SUVs have become a status symbol and a popular choice of transportation for a large portion of Americans. Despite an increase in SUV consumerism, what still prevails is a lack of regard for the environmental repercussions.

As a nation we consume more than half of the world's natural resources in the name of 'necessity.' SUVs are known for their "gas-guzzling," consuming large quantities of gasoline, a finite resource on our planet. For example, the new Hummer H2 has a 32-gallon tank and gets 10.7 miles per gallon. The Ford Excursion has the largest SUV tank holding 44 gallons with 9.6 miles to the gallon. As a result, Ford has plans to remove this vehicle from the market.

Interestingly enough, the demographics of the average SUV driver have also changed in recent years. Instead of using SUVs as company vehicles for construction and other commercial purposes, they have increasingly become the car of choice for soccer moms and teenage drivers, frequently labeled as 'the new family vehicle.' At the rapid rate in which consumers such as these are purchasing SUVs, one would think all of America has become a rugged outback. This is hardly the case. Last time I checked, dropping off your kids at practice

and running some errands was not considered to be "off-roading." More realistically, people buy SUVs for the extra trunk space, legroom and a heightened sense of safety and control while on the road. Living in a suburb of Manhattan, where every third vehicle is a SUV, I feel like more and more people are jumping on the SUV bandwagon for the wrong reasons.

While there are obviously other factors that negatively affect the environment, it is apparent that SUVs contribute to a substantial part of the damage. Due to poor gas mileage, constant consumption of oil and an increase in air pollution, our environment suffers. Sut Jhally, a Professor of Communication, agrees with these negative consequences of our mass consumption in his video, "Advertising and the End of the World." He notes that without change, by the year 2070, our resources will be depleted. We need to start conserving and protecting our environment now, so that future generations will be able to have successful and prosperous lives.

President Bush is offering an incentive for SUV owners in the form of a tax cut. He is subsidizing the entire industry by providing tax breaks for owners with vehicles that weigh over 6,000 pounds. This was meant to help out the farming industry; however, cars such as the Cadillac Escalade, Lincoln Navigator and the Hummer H2 all weigh more than 6,000 pounds.

We need to start thinking about our future and how we can help preserve the environment that we often take for granted. Currently, the rate at which America consumes would suggest that "SUV" stand for Selfish Useless Vehicle. We feel it's a necessity to have more room, but we must start realizing that what we need is to take care of our environment.

Rachel Kleiner
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

SUVs have gained significant popularity over the past decade. It used to only be rugged men seeking to prove their masculinity who went out to buy Jeeps and Range Rovers, but that is no longer the case. Everyone from the teenage girl, who just got her license, to the executive, who wants to feel a little more in touch with nature, is heading over to the car dealerships in search of something new. Along with this resurgence has come a lot of negative criticism, both for SUVs and their owners. As a whole, bigger cars have gotten a bad reputation, and although there may be some grain of truth in this disapproval, much of it stems out of lack of knowledge about the real need for cars such as these. It's not just people wanting to experiment or be different that draws them to a certain car dealership over another. Real needs for these types of cars have become apparent and they clearly outweigh the drawbacks.

SUVs are bad for the environment. No one is arguing with that fact. They emit exhaust and fumes that probably aren't doing much to help the ozone layer, but let's face it, there are a lot of things that are worse. Huge factories that are located all over this country do a lot more damage to our planet than the 4-Runner that soccer moms drive that carry them to and from their daily activities. Not to say that we should ignore the pollutants that are being spewed into the atmosphere, but the clunkers of the 70s had a much greater impact and somehow we made it through that decade. Our ozone layer is being depleted, but maybe there should be more focus placed on how much waste we are creating and less about what we're driving around in.

In addition to this, I have firsthand knowledge of the real need for sport utility vehicles. Coming from a small mountainous town, it has become clear to me that those who have SUVs are much more well-equipped to deal with inclement weather than those with luxury or standard cars. Should we do away with all SUVs and strand people in their homes because their flashy sports cars can't handle the roads? Isn't it important to keep drivers and their passengers safe? In the past there have been problems with the tipping over of bigger cars, but that problem has since been rectified. Personally, I would much rather be maneuvering the roads in a car with four-wheel drive that isn't blown away by high winds. Living in a town such as the one that I come from, driving a SUV isn't merely an option one has, it is a necessity. Those who don't drive larger cars find themselves being dependent on others for almost everything, and Americans, being as independent as they are, aren't likely to be fond of that reality.

America is all about personal choice. If those citizens who buy SUVs are chastised for their decision then maybe we can find some things wrong with other cars. For example, people who drive sports cars tend to drive at higher speeds and may be more likely to get in accidents. Should we fight and protest their choice to drive what they feel most comfortable in? SUVs do not create an environmental problem; they are merely one of the million different factors that contribute to it. It is important to remember to weigh the pros and cons of the issue before deciding what we should and should not let people do. Keeping drivers safe and providing them with a choice are some very big pros, which may even outweigh the detriments that SUVs entail.

Making the most of "the four best years of your life"

Kyle Kappel
Weekly Guest Columnist

Last Wednesday, I was standing in the laundromat folding what seemed to be an endless pile. I have a thing for doing laundry, and I always have. It is a time for me to get off campus, be social and infuse my clothing with mountain freshness. I love going to the laundromat downtown because it is a meeting place for the locals. I could fill a book with the experiences

and conversations that I have had. For at the laundromat I enjoy my weekly ritual with all kinds of different people from different walks of life.

Now this article is not an advertisement for the laundromat, but it does have a striking resemblance to the College. We students are put together with a diverse group of people from all walks of life to achieve a common goal. True, the common goal of obtaining an education is a little more complicated than doing

laundry, but in both circumstances the people are coming together and enjoying each other. (You try and fold blankets by yourself.) However, here on campus, I feel that people are not taking advantage of the wonderful benefits of meeting new people and trying new things.

Frankly, I hope that my feelings are misguided; but after talking to many people I realized that they are not. I know this school is not exactly conducive to social interaction. I mean

come on; making caricatures in Seegers on a Friday night isn't exactly the Roman Forum. Yet, I am afraid that as a result students are keeping to themselves or their respective "cliques" and not going out and experiencing what this school has to offer. If the patrons of the laundromat had the same mentality there would be a lot of stinky laundry in Allentown. Those other nameless faces that we see on campus have the potential to fulfill needs in our

maturing lives that we did not know we had. This is much like the countless mothers in the laundromat that have provided me with their very own secrets. It is virtually impossible to meet different people if we hide inside a clique, or behind our fraternity/sorority letters.

Okay, I will admit, the events in the Red Door may not be the "coolest" things to do on a Friday night, or even a Monday night.

Awaiting the renovations

Anne Brown
Weekly Guest Columnist

Normally if I want to get my daily exercise in, I tug on some running shoes and jog about the streets of good old Allentown. But, with this winter being harsh enough to slice through the skin of an Eskimo, I find myself being pushed indoors and into "the loft." That is me and half of the student body.

As I tread up the stairs wondering if the designer of this fantastic place ever realized the elementary concept that heat rises, I can already hear the breathing and stomping of students working those elliptical, step and treadmill machines. But today lady luck is sitting on my shoulder because two of the highly coveted treadmills and a couple step machines are open.

After the very disheartening realization that both the treadmills aren't working, I resign to work out on the "stair master" that lies to the left of the one that I am convinced has been broken since the loft opened. Workout in progress, I begin to read the notice signs in front of me. Taped up next to the plastic plaque telling me that I use the machines at my own risk is a piece of paper informing me to be careful when exercising because, due to the wiring in the loft, the machines are prone to randomly switch off, even in the middle of a

...due to the wiring in the loft, the machines are prone to randomly switch off, even in the middle of a workout.

work-out.

Great. Now not only do I have to fight my

way to a machine, it is also possible that, while my workout is in progress, my machine could stop and send me flying across the loft. Yes, each treadmill now looks to me like its own small death trap.

Instead of chancing it, I decide to stop my workout and just run around the field house track and dodge baseballs, softballs, lacrosse balls, track players, what have you. I guess I'll just run the steps of Memorial Hall. No such luck, basketball is in session. A list of times the field house and court were actually open to those of us not on a sport team, but hoping to use them all the same, might be useful.

As a result of this lack of communication, I am stuck on machines hooked up to bad wiring that can't be fixed for some reason I really have yet to understand. My mystification results from the fact that last semester the light broke at my MILE house and, thank God, the school sent in a mechanic who was able to promptly fix the wiring problem that caused it.

This leads me, even with my limited knowledge about rewiring, to believe that something could be done to make the loft a safer, more exercise-friendly environment for all those people who have been pushed there either by cold weather, varsity sports or thoughts of spring break.

I do understand that the school is preparing to build a new sports facility next year. But this doesn't mean that it can cover current problems with a flimsy sheet of paper. Oddly enough, this method isn't very effective for students currently trying to use the Life Sports Center.

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However, in order to meet new people we are going to have to do new things. We need to loosen up a little, and throw out our inhibitions. We have been given a gift -- four years to make fools out of ourselves with little consequence. What a great way to meet people. How great would it be if the football team signed up for Muhlenberg's American Idol, and sang karaoke love songs? That would be a night to remember... I can say I would show up to see that, and I'm sure many others

would.

What if we had a faculty versus staff baseball game, and the whole school came out and tailgated? What if people actually showed up at church? What if everyone dressed up in formal wear for a dinner in the Garden Room? See, the thing is, we all need to get out, and do some stupid stuff (minus the church part) because we have four years to live it up, and make these seemingly stupid things fun. In the process we will begin to assign names to the faces we see so frequently around cam-

pus.

With a little more spirit, a little more investment in the school, and a little more time and energy placed in others will go a long way! Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein is quoted as saying, "Just when you think that a person is just a backdrop for the rest of the universe, watch them and see that they laugh, they cry, they tell jokes ... they're just friends waiting to be made." So I tell you... put away your inhibitions for one night, give something a try, and encourage others to do the same.

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sororities have helped Mossure Village, Sixth Street Shelter, Project Hope and Camelot House. Each sorority's members put in a large amount of their time to helping out in the community and raising money for different organizations, locally and nationally.

All of the sorority members on this campus went through Rush in the fall of their sophomore or junior year to learn about each sorority and the values the sorority's hold. Every girl that is at least a sophomore with a 2.25 cumulative grade point average is welcome and encouraged to rush the sororities. The members consist of girls from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Girls that come to Muhlenberg and have become a part of a sorority come from all over, from California to Michigan, have majors from theatre to business, and range in cultural background, from African American to Asian and from Jewish to Lutheran.

For having a minimal amount of diversity at this college, it is impressive to learn how each member is so unique. As found in the 2002-2003 Source Book that the registrar compiled and printed in October of 2002, the total percentage of multicultural daytime students at Muhlenberg is 2.6 percent, that is 156 students out of 2126, with 51 Asian,

47 African American, 49 Hispanic, four Native American and five not reported. Also found in the Source Book, the percentage of Lutheran students is 7.9 percent, 15.8 percent Non-Lutheran/Protestant, 31.3 percent Catholic, 22.6 percent Jewish, 16.6 percent no affiliation, 2.6 percent other and 3.2 percent not reported. It seems necessary to have a more diverse college, so that membership can expand and the college will benefit from having a multicultural sorority.

The multicultural sorority, Theta Nu Xi, was started in the South at UNC-Chapel Hill, which was an opportune place to start a multicultural sorority, but the same motives to start that particular sorority here in Allentown, Pa. may not be exactly the

same. The sorority should be started with the proper motives in mind. All the values that Theta Nu Xi holds are also values that all the current sororities hold. Theta Nu Xi will also have a rush and new member orientation period like Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Sigma. Alpha Phi Omega is another Greek organization, which focuses on community service, that is active on campus as a co-ed service fraternity. The current sororities are an accurate representation of the students and culture on campus.

Unlike what was stated in the article two weeks ago about the sorority, Chip Hurd has not yet spoken with the sorority's nationals about having a chapter of Theta Nu Xi at Muhlenberg.

Discussion about colonizing the chapter will occur within the administration as well as between a representative of the national organization and Chip Hurd, but has not occurred yet. The school has to decide if the sorority would be successful at Muhlenberg and how beneficial it would be to have that particular sorority.

The school would benefit from expanding Greek life if the motives for prospective sororities and fraternities were deemed appropriate. Greek life is a valuable part of the Muhlenberg College and surrounding community and will continue to thrive through the years with the proper values and representation.

-- Jennifer Yateman
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Award to support study abroad student

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

Students planning to go abroad in the next eighteen months could have considered applying for the newly established Global Education and Awareness Award. The award provides a \$2,000 stipend for a student going abroad. Students pursuing any major are eligible for the award.

The award was established by alumnus Leon F. Huebner '54, his wife, June and their son, Erik L. Huebner '91 in an effort to facilitate global education. Erik Huebner was the first Muhlenberg recipient of the St. Andrews Society Scholarship Award. This award allowed him to spend a year at one of several participating universities in Scotland.

Students applying should have a serious "commitment to globalization."

According to Dr. George Heitmann, Professor of Economics, Dean of International Programs and a member of the selection committee, this means that "the students should know what exactly it is that they plan to get out of studying abroad."

Moreover, the students must be rising sophomores, juniors or seniors with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Rising seniors applying must be on campus during their second semester.

In order to apply for the award, students are required to submit a one-to-two page typed paper in which they discuss what they plan to achieve by studying abroad, the preparations they've made and, finally, what they will do to advance globalization when they return to the College. Additionally, they must include two recommendations from faculty, documentation describing their experience and a list of

expenses for which the award would be used.

Upon return to the College, students may be expected to report on their experiences to the College Community. "This will be done at an informal luncheon occasion, where students will meet with the Huebner family," said Heitmann.

Furthermore, students will be required to submit an informal report paper detailing their experiences abroad and how the award money was utilized during their trip.

Also on the selection committee are Dr. Christopher Herrick, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Education Abroad and Dr. Frederick Norling, Associate Professor of Business.

Heitmann further noted that, "[going abroad] is one of the most rewarding experiences for students of the College."

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na or court order. However, according to *The Washington Post*, these compliances followed requests about specific students under emergency provisions of federal privacy laws in the weeks following Sept. 11.

Now sending letters from individual Field Offices to colleges and universities in recent months, the FBI is requesting information including "names, addresses, telephone numbers, citizenship information, places of birth, dates of birth and any foreign contact information" on foreign-born students and faculty, as stated on a sample copy of the request letter.

Affecting six foreign students and two foreign faculty members of the College, the information request has been neither confirmed or denied by Philadelphia FBI Media Representative Special Agent Linda Vizi of the Philadelphia Field Office.

Regarding whether or not information has been requested from the College, James Steffy, Interim

President said, "Not to our knowledge. We have checked our offices."

College officials contend that no information would be provided to the FBI without a court order or subpoena. "As long as this is a voluntary process, with the amount of seeming contradiction, we would tend not to participate," said Steffy.

Further regulating what information schools may provide about students, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act only allows schools to provide directory information including names, ages and birth dates to law enforcement officers.

"Confidentiality of student information we take very seriously," said Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students. "We're not going to start passing out information just based on someone coming in and flashing a badge."

He further explained that the College would immediately contact College Counsel and also request a subpoena from the FBI in the event that the FBI request.

Currently, the College must submit information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) about foreign students for a database that tracks over 200,000 foreign students enrolled in U.S. schools. Despite the FBI's need for a subpoena to demand information, the INS has immediate permission to obtain student information under immigration law.

Susan Norling, International Programs Coordinator at the College, explained that a form must be issued in order for each foreign student to obtain a student visa to study in the U.S.

The form includes general directory information including name, date of birth, home address, country of citizenship and verification of whether enough funding is available for the student.

"We have always provided that information," Norling said.

For the student and faculty request, the FBI has not ruled out pursuit of a court order or subpoena to obtain information.

According to Steffy, "If [there is a] court order or legislation... if changed to compulsory, then [the College] would comply."

SNOW | FROM PAGE 1

the television anticipating the announcement of the cancellation of school.

It appeared obvious that despite students' status as young adults, all students are young at heart and look forward to those rare but precious snow days of the winter.

The blizzard that began on Sunday left many around campus preparing for a possible cancellation of school, "a rare occurrence," according to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety. Lupole

stated that he "knew school would be cancelled on the Saturday" before as the blizzard began. Lupole explained that the decision to close school was a group decision made by himself, Rudy Ehrenberg and Kent Dyer.

In order to battle the blizzard, Lupole stated that his team was forced to "gear up with additional personnel" to battle the snow and ice. The amount of snow left cars buried in snow plowed from the streets and dangerous roads to manage. It appeared obvious that in

order to get the necessary employees into work it would require a community driving effort of Campus Safety escorting employees to work. Lupole stated, "We had to transport Wood's employees to and from campus." Campus Safety's all-wheel drive vehicles proved useful as a taxi service for essential employees of the College to come into work despite the snow.

Lupole stated that throughout the snow emergency there were two officers on campus and two transporting employees. Lupole further explained that student EMS vehicles were utilized to give students of off-campus housing a ride to campus for food.

The cancellation of school on Monday left students with the day to participate in snow fun, enjoying activities of childhood. Students took to campus building igloos, organizing football games in the snow and building ski jumps.

Throwing in a helping hand around campus were a group of students who spent their snow day shoveling snow off the steps of the Chapel, Haas and the Library. Mark Purdy '04, a member of the group stated,

"although we didn't have to be here, we saw that Plant Operations needed some help so we decided to give the College a lending hand."

Plant Operations proved to be the true heroes of the blizzard on Monday.

In the early morning hours of Feb. 17, as the snow continued to fall, Plant Operations employees were on the campus plowing the paths and streets despite the continuous snowfall.

Their efforts continued into the early morning hours of Tuesday, despite a difficult situation.

Despite the lack of snow fall on Tuesday the College remained closed to allow Plant Operations and Campus Safety more time to clean up the mess of snow the blizzard conditions left around campus. Plant Operations used Tuesday to dig out stairs from the snow and plow away the snow to reveal the black concrete of the campus paths.

Lupole explained that during Tuesday as clean up efforts continued as Campus Safety was in contact with owners of the cars in parking lots to have them move their cars so that the parking lots could be plowed by Plant Operations.



Mark Purdy '04 is one of several students who volunteered to assist in snow removal around campus.

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

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a peaceful solution."

Karen Seapker '04 concurred, and noted that while the anti-war protests of the Vietnam era tend to conjure images of young hippie college students, Saturday's rally was for people of all ages.

Speakers at the rally included Bishop Desmond Tutu, Susan Sarandon, Danny Glover and National Organization for Women President Kim Gandy. Said Gandy, "George Bush would like you to believe that the country is united for war, but in reality the majority of the world is united for peace."

The New York protesters were the only ones denied a



People of all ages and backgrounds attended the rally in New York City.

PHOTO BY ERIN McMENAMIN

march permit, ironic considering the huge numbers of people who were not able to reach the rally point and

spent much of their time marching up and down the streets and avenues trying to cross over to First Ave. The

protesters marched on the sidewalks and occasionally in the streets.

When asked to move out of the roads, they responded by chanting "Whose streets? Our streets!" as they did their best to move back to the sidewalks.

The event in New York was relatively peaceful, but there were a few arrests and several hundred were detained. Although two people had been temporarily detained when the bus left New York Saturday afternoon, Danielle Spang '04, co-organizer of the bus carrying the over 50 people

from the College, Kutztown University and Lehigh University, informed the entire group that as of noon on Sunday, everyone from the group had made it safely back to the Lehigh Valley.

The two students had not been officially arrested; they were issued in the words of one student "equivalents of 'traffic citations.'"

Priscilla Begin '03 best captured the general feeling of the participants at the rally when she commented, "I thought the rally was empowering and inspiring. The sheer numbers of people present in New York on Saturday to champion the cause of peace was astounding. I am proud to have been a part of an event such as this one."

Preparation for emergency at the College

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

With the recent worry that has swept the nation about terrorism, it may come as a relief to some that the College has a crisis planning and management team. Even before Sept. 11 and the worries it brought concerning acts of terrorism, the crisis management team has been implemented. Since Sept. 11, the crisis management team has added a new focus to its well-established plan.

Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, heads the crisis management team along with Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Sam Miranda, Director of the Health Center. Miranda and Lupole are also both part of a Bioterrorism-Task Force, making them key components of the crisis team.

The College has been designated a primary site for particular emergencies, where students would receive more responsive health care and support. While the crisis management team is made up of certain core members of the administration, outside help would be called in as needed. Counseling teams are also in place for any kind of event that might occur.

"We have renewed our contacts with all of the local hospitals and police

departments since [Sept. 11]," said Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations for the College.

The crisis team meets regularly, converses over possible issues and simulates disaster drills. The crisis management plan has already been utilizing several situations and has worked efficiently, according to Ehrenberg.

"We are in contact with all area hospitals and law enforcement groups," said Ehrenberg. "We will continue to monitor local and regional conditions and alert the campus community as the need arises."

There are also emergency plans to address issues concerning communications, food, water, heat and electricity.

The College has created several ways to disperse information to members of the College Community if emergency conditions arise. In an emergency, the College would also execute an information phone bank, as well as a Call Center with counselors to help students who are having trouble contacting their families. A recorded message line for weather and emergency updates has also been put into operation.

The College's web site would also provide emergency information and would monitor e-mail messages sent to an emergency e-mail address as well. In

addition, the College's intranet and Message Board would offer those connected emergency with additional information. There is also an emergency e-mail system that would be used to contact all faculty, staff and students.

"Our communication plans work extremely well," said Bruckner. "On [Sept. 11], we had 2,000 people on the front lawn in a matter of a few hours."

In the event that emergency power is needed at the College, the new central chiller system could provide support along with a new generator that will be located in the Life Sports Center upon renovation.

The College has also stockpiled water and food through the Wood Dining Service and could sustain the campus for at least five days, if not for seven to eight days.

To Bruckner, getting the correct information regarding what is occurring inside and outside the College is of utmost importance.

"Our team tries to stay ahead of any rumors that may spread," said Bruckner.

Students should always make sure that someone else knows where they are, especially in the event that a parent attempts to call and cannot reach a student.

According to Ehrenberg, "We are far ahead of most college campuses on these matters."

Professor files lawsuit against the College

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

In April of 1999, Da'an Pan, former professor of the College, was denied tenure at the College and as of September 2002, filed a lawsuit against the College with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in Philadelphia claiming that he was denied tenure and promotion because of his Chinese origin.

According to a recent Morning Call article, EEOC program analyst Edward McCaffrey said that Pan was discriminated against by the College

because Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs, stated that Pang had

a "teaching problem" associated with his "culture."

Max Davison, College Counsel, stated that the case is "likely to come to trial later this year in Federal Court."

Davison further explained that Pan is "seeking compensation and damages as well as reinstatement."

The amount of damages and compensation sought is unspecified; however, under

federal law, he could receive anything up to \$300,000 with a victory in federal court.

Davison said that the case is "a legal maze," which "will soon begin the discovery stage."

Davison further stated that once the case commences, "We intend to vigorously defend."

He went on to say, "This suit is not on merit," because "the College followed all tenure rules."

According to the Trustee's Handbook for Faculty, "Tenure is a status which signifies that the candidate has clearly presented evidence that he or she has

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Trustee's Handbook for Faculty

met the high standards established by the College and that evidence strongly suggests continued contributions to the College in the long run."

The Trustee's Handbook for Faculty further explains that evaluation is not simply a matter of meeting the minimum requirements. Based on the handbook, a

Student travels to marketing conference in Arizona

BY JILLIAN FRANZEN
Weekly News Writer

Traveling across the country to expand academically, Kevin Welding '03 took a break from the College in early February for a short visit to the University of Arizona for a competitive marketing conference.

Welding, an Economics major, was encouraged by one of his economics professors at the College to apply to The University of Arizona Workshop on New

Markets, Institutions and Economic Strategies, a program designed for students pursuing a graduate degree in economics and a career as an economist.

The University of Arizona holds the workshop as part of its top institutional program for experimental economics.

Welding was one of three students from the College that applied for the workshop after being approached by professors of the College.

In order to go on the trip, he had to fill out an applica-

tion indicating what economics classes he has taken, what grades he received for those classes and his overall grade point average. Welding was also required to include a personal statement and a letter of recommendation. He was one of only twenty students from all over the country that was accepted into the selective program.

The College provided funding for Welding's trip. Welding received \$400 from the College to cover travel costs incurred from his flight into Tucson, Arizona for the weekend.

Once there, the University of Arizona covered all of the remaining room and board costs, placing Welding in a hotel near the school.

During the weekend, Welding was a busy participant in economic marketing seminars, experiments and simulations led by the experienced research faculty at the Economic Science Laboratory and in the University of Arizona Economics Department.

According to Welding, he enjoyed interacting with other economics students from around the country as he worked on the computers carrying out actual economic experiments.

Welding did not receive college credit for attending this workshop, though he said he did it simply for the experience in the field of economics.

Attending the workshop in Arizona is just one example of the opportunities available outside of the College Community for students to expand their academic experience.

Intercollegiate environmental coalition begins

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

This past weekend, Muhlenberg was invited to Yale University where students from all over the northeast discussed the formation of a new environmental coalition.

The College was one of the first schools to show its support for the group. It also aided in the overall formation of this new coalition.

Students at Yale had come to the conclusion that although college environmental groups contribute significantly to their respective campuses, they do not always have a large impact on the surrounding community as a whole.

The students believed that if they could gather all of the colleges in the northeast together, they would be able to conquer threats to the environment in the entire northeast area.

With such a mass group of students, they would be able to hold conferences with political leaders.

Also, with all colleges being interconnected, the colleges and universities involved could pool their resources in hopes that they could contribute more significantly to each other's campus conquests.

Schools that attended the conference included Brown University, Yale University, Columbia University, Princeton University, Muhlenberg College, Rutgers University and several other colleges that have

environmental groups. The overall purpose was to get a mixed view of environmental policies from all areas of the northeast. Although some states did not have colleges to represent them, the coordinators feel that it was likely a simple error in communication that led to the empty seats.

The conference began on Saturday, when each student was given a paper listing Yale students' original goals for the initial meeting.

After this agenda was handed out, discussions began on what the best course of action would be if there was a chance to get this group off the ground. These talks went on for most of the day with breaks for meals and general caucuses.

Even after many of the students had gone to bed that night, talks continued. Although all schools were in favor of starting the group, there were many disagreements about the best way to begin.

Finally, on Sunday, the campus delegates came together one final time to discuss the agenda for the months to come.

A significant event to anticipate in the future will be next year's conference. By this time, the group hopes to be fully functional with a wide array of participants.

Although the students involved in the coalition assent that there is much planning to be done ahead, they look forward to the next meeting to see the product of their labors.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - The plan to develop an intermodal transportation hub in downtown Allentown got a boost this week with the announcement that the project will receive \$2 million in federal funding. "We feel pretty good," said Linda L. Kauffman, Executive Director of the Allentown Parking Authority, one of the project's partners. "I think it is enough for us to get started on the project." Although any plan to develop an intermodal project would need the approval of the boards of the Parking Authority and the project's other partner, the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority, Kauffman said the federal funding might be enough to acquire property, undertake a design and move the plan closer to site development and initial construction.

Allentown - State police charged an Allentown man Friday with sexually assaulting a young girl 14 years ago and a young boy 11 years ago at his former home in Carbon County. Albert E. Brooke, 51, of 929 Tilghman St. faces more than 40 charges in the two cases against him. Police investigated allegations years ago that Brooke sexually assaulted the children. They had a medical exam done on the girl in 1990 that determined there was evidence of a sexual assault, but no charges were filed then.

Weekend Weather

Friday



Partly
Cloudy

High: 38
Low: 38

Saturday



Rain

High: 45
Low: 21

Sunday



Partly
Cloudy

High: 33
Low: 25

LAWSUIT FROM PAGE 7

professor may be denied tenure even with all minimum requirements met for any reason the board feels strongly refutes the appointment of tenure to a professor.

Whether or not the reason for denial of tenure to Pan was based on his Chinese origin, the College can build a strong defense for itself based on the selection guidelines laid out in the Trustee's Handbook for

Faculty.

The part that states that denial can be made despite requirements met may prove to be an important tool to the College in the case.

Davison feels that there is enough evidence to establish a strong defense to Pan's allegations against the College.

He affirmed, "At this point we are comfortable that the College did nothing wrong."

Davison stated that despite Pan's claims of a number of wrong offences

brought upon him in his tenure selection process, the suite "naming the college as defendant in the case" will be pleaded against in court affirming the College's innocence.

Although the case is at the beginning stages of pleading and discovery, the turnout is "too early to project," stated Davison.

Despite Dretsch's earlier comment in the *Morning Call*, he refused to comment in this story on the case since it has not yet reached court.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 11 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A single side window was bashed out of a car in the 23rd street lot.

Feb. 11 - Injured Student - A student was hit in the lower left jaw while sporting it out in the Life Sports Center. The student was transferred to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Feb. 11 - Alcohol Violation - Two students were caught drinking in their room. The two underage drinkers were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 11 - Theft - The sound of blue plastic pieces encompassing the beacon of hope was heard when another blue light was taken from its position of safety. The blue light of Trexler parking lot was found smashed in pieces on the ground.

Feb. 12 - Fire Alarm - A false fire alarm was pulled

at 320 N. 22nd St..

Feb. 12 - Sick Student - A sick, intoxicated student was transported to the hospital from 437 N. 22nd St.

Feb. 12 - Theft/Vandalism to Vehicle - A vehicle in the 23rd St. parking lot was broken into through the key to the driver's side door. A CD player was stolen along with the speakers.

Feb. 12 - Harassment by Communication - A false Visa operator is causing a swarm of false calls to campus. This individual calls and asks students personal questions. The suspect is apparently asking for such information as Social Security numbers. Students have been informed not release information to the suspect.

Feb. 12 - Vandalism - Writing was found on the bulletin board of Prosser

Hall.

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Feb. 13 - Harassment by Communication - The Visa operator left another student fearful of questioning phone calls asking for personal information

Feb. 13 - Harassment - Residents in Tremont were throwing water on innocent students below.

Feb. 14 - Assist to Outside Organization - Campus Safety aided public authorities in the investigation of missing planks of wood missing from the windows of the old ATO house.

Feb. 14 - Harassment by Communication - The Visa caller moved on to an East Hall student and continued the personal questioning to students.

Feb. 14 - Theft - A bike from Martin Luther Hall was reported stolen. The thief apparently used wire cutters to attain the bike.

Feb. 14 - Attempted Theft - A laptop computer was reportedly stolen from Moyer Hall.

Feb. 14 - Alcohol Violation - Six students were apprehended for drinking in a Prosser Hall room. The students were referred to the Judicial Process and are awaiting notice of sanctions.

Feb. 15 - Alcohol Violation - One individual was found in violation of the drinking policy of the College at 26th St. and Liberty. The student has been referred to the Judicial Policy.

Feb. 15 - Alcohol Violation - Eight students of East Hall were reportedly drinking while under the

legal age. The students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 15 - Alcohol Violation - One student of Martin Luther Hall was reported to be in violation of the College's drinking policy. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 15 - Maintenance Problem - A water pipe broke at 2223 Chew St. Maintenance was called to the rescue of the pipe to fix it and return it to service.

Feb. 15 - Vandalism - An underage intoxicated student ripped a sign from the turf and threw it to the ground.

Feb. 16 - Intoxicated Person - One student of Martin Luther Hall was found passed out in the bathroom. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process and is waiting for further notice of sanctions.

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-W. M. Lewis

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SNOWED-IN ACTIVITY?



"A massive snowball fight."

- Joe Bedway '04

"Playing board games in the snow."

- Eamon Fricker '04



"Falling backwards into the snow and making snow angels."

- Jeffrey Ludlum '05

"To go sledding on a green plastic alligator named Alexander."

- Matt Micucci '04



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Electra: An ancient play sits well with a modern crowd



Phil Haas, Nicole Lomax and John Volght, Jr. enliven the characters in Sophocles' *Electra*. *Electra* was the first play in this season's theatre series.

PHOTO BY JED BAKER

BY JULIE STRASSER
Weekly Staff Writer

The Greek tragedy *Electra* opened the College's spring theatrical season with an inspiring start. Directed by Francine Roussel, an Assistant Professor of Theater at the College, *Electra* is a web of revenge, betrayal and resentment. Written by the great Greek tragedian Sophocles thousands of years ago, this play has the ability to capture even the most modern of minds with its timeless theme of the triumph of justice.

The title character, played by Nicole Shamice Lomax '03, is in the midst of a tragic ordeal—her father has been murdered and she believes that she and her brother, Orestes (Matt Kelley '03), must avenge their father's death. However, the situation is complicated by the fact that the murderer, Aegisthus (Goran Ivanovski '06), is

now wed to their mother, Clytemnestra (Jamie McKittrick '04).

As *Electra* struggles with her grief, the chorus provides her with guidance and support. While the chorus is an essential part of a Greek tragedy, they occasionally begin to sound repetitive and lead the audience's attention elsewhere. Still, their opening sequence, which occurs while the audience is still drifting into the Studio Theatre, immediately draws the spectator into the play. This strong initial reaction holds true throughout the play, as strong performances are given by all cast members, particularly Lomax, who is able to accurately portray *Electra*'s heartrending circumstances to the audience.

Nevertheless, the strong acting was equaled by the splendor of the set and costumes. The majority of the action occurs on the a large round disc set in the middle of the theatre. However, a huge set of palace doors

have been constructed, which add flair to the dramatic entrances and exits. The intricate costumes are elaborate creations which give the audience the additional information of just how *Electra* has been treated since her father's demise.

The music, composed by Douglas Ovens, Associate Professor of Music at the College, casts an eerie tone over the production. Consisting entirely of percussion, the score emphasizes the most significant moments in the play and provides an excellent soundtrack to the treacherous deeds that fill *Electra*.

While not for the light of heart, *Electra* is a powerful play filled with deceit and the true meaning of loyalty. Cast and crew rose to the challenge of performing in their roles and creating this ancient masterpiece in an effective way for the modern crowd and, in the process, started the new theatrical season off with a bang.

These four walls: What do Eastie Beasties and monsoons have in common?

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

Imagine that you are at the complete lack of underwear stage. You have two machines going and, when the time comes to switch from washer to dryer, you realize that one of your machines has shut off without going through the spin cycle, leaving you with 25 lbs. of sopping wet clothing that would take an obscene amount of quarters to dry.

This is an incident that has occurred several times in Walz Hall. Has an authority been informed of such problems? Of course they have, but months have passed and nothing has been done to solve the issue.

One resident, Kristen Ziegler '06 says that there have been numerous occasions when she has experienced washers that do not spin and dryers that do not dry her clothes. She said, "I have wet clothes hanging all over my room. There are bras and underwear hanging from my bedposts and closet. I can't have people over!"

And it doesn't end with laundry, folks. Many students have experienced problems ranging from dripping faucets and toilets that will not stop flushing to bug infestations (a.k.a. Eastie

in campus-owned housing. Craig Porter '06, who is still dealing with damage caused to his room by a major leak in the wall prior to Winter break, says that "[the maintenance staff] need to be more informed of the students when something needs fixed."

It can take weeks or even months after a problem has been reported for adequate action to be taken. For example, Adrienne Verbich '06 and Dee Ross '06 endured their own personal monsoon season at the beginning of the year. "Every time it rained, we had buckets lining up on our windowsills and dressers," Adrienne explained. The girls frantically searched for ways to protect their electrical appliances and bedding. Apparently,

the rain was somehow coming through the sheet rock and the back wall of the girls' room. It took over one and a half months for maintenance to repair the leak and repaint the wall.

Countless students complain about the lack of attention paid to their computer malfunctions by OIT. Meghan Winch '06 has had major computer problems twice. When OIT came to her room, they were apparently repeatedly talking about their pens. "They have time to discuss pens, but they don't have time to fix my computer," says Winch.

Then of course there are the problems that have been going on since practically the start of the school year and affect entire floors or buildings. Residents in buildings whose heating is arbitrarily controlled by plant operations have serious issues finding a reasonably stable climate in their rooms. Walz Hall resident Kaitlyn Huczko '06 had this to say about tolerating such conditions, "[My roommaté

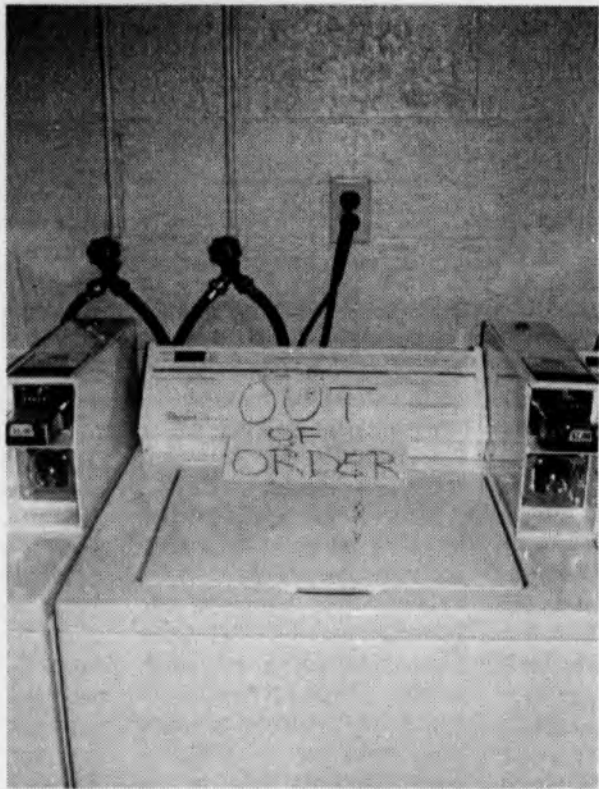
and I] usually have our window open with the cold air blowing on us. But if it's closed then our room is stifling! We just can't keep a comfortable temperature in our room."

An innumerable amount of other residents all expressed the exact same complaint. Another problem that has a large, but not quite as encompassing effect is the sink in the 3rd floor Walz boys' bathroom that makes a sort of nails on a chalkboard screeching sound whenever it is turned on, especially from the hot water faucet. This has been occurring all year long, and it may seem like a small problem, but imagining living right next to the daily disturbance.

And as for the famed Eastie Beasties, the nickname given to the mutant bugs that have plagued East Hall for years, it seems as though there is no way to be rid of these creatures. Residents of East mentioned the tactic of chasing

the little rascals around their rooms with a can of Raid in hand. Others said that they find it easier to let someone else, such as their roommates, take care of killing the scoundrels whenever they rear their nasty antennae. Whatever your preferred method, it seems that this is a problem that goes beyond the powers of our maintenance experts. Even when the hall was sprayed for bugs last year, the process seemed to do little debugging. Eastie Beasties still reign supreme.

There are myriad of troubles that can disturb the lives of students during their stays in the dorms that need the attention of professional. Students do not always succeed in receiving attention in a reasonable amount of time. It's hard to tell the best way to get a quick and permanent solution to a maintenance or technical difficulty in dorm life, but being either persistent or pathetic appears to be the most effective.



Signs like this might as well be all over campus, due to the various technical problems with appliances ranging from washers and dryers to computers.

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Beasties).

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Diner trip downtown... Dina's Diner: Good for all but eggs

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Crossing the suburban boundaries that surround the College, for this week's diner trip we trekked into downtown the depths of downtown Allentown. Don't let the city environment deter you from heading to Dina's Diner, a tiny metallic establishment located in a trolley-turned-eatery on Tilghman and 7th Streets.

Although less than jovial in appearance, Dina's attempts to be festive, as there are a number of Valentine's decorations on the dingy windows. Hearts sporting sayings such as "you're special," and "cutie pie" are almost necessary since simply sitting in the diner makes you feel anything but special. Before you meet your friendly waitress, you're just another bum at the counter, at Dina's.

Still, being just another bum has its benefits. Sitting at the very small tables in Dina's, anyone can hear the shouts coming from the kitchen, which adds to the traditional diner atmosphere. One can also hear

the video game beeping at the corner of the counter where the off-duty waitresses congregate.

David Sobotkin remarked that the waitstaff at Dina's have "diner attitude." "I'd equate it to a 17th century merchant ship," said Sobotkin. "They're not the most polished, but the comradery is pervasive."

Dina's is an urban diner; the video game can't be in the entry way for fear of it being taken, and the bathroom is for paying customers only. The area is pretty grey and dirty, but the diner itself is not bad. The windows are dingy, the speckled tables and jukeboxes at each table are a bit dusty and grimy, but the plates are clean and in good condition. For overall cleanliness, Dina's rated a 6.

Our waitress worked with a tag team of other waitstaff. A few of the orders were messed up for there was too much cheese or homefries when none were requested. She was decent, however, and received a 7 for service.

Breaking with tradition, Jessica Skrocki ordered an egg sandwich. She stated

that it "definitely didn't measure up to GQ's Bagel Bomb." She rated it a 4.

Rachel Schatz's egg white omelet "wasn't so good" because it was "flooded with cheese," when she ordered minimal queso. She rated it a mere 2.

Matt Meyers' grilled cheese sandwich assembled well and delicious. "I know Morimoto beat Bobby Flay, but I don't think Mori could ever make a grilled cheese sandwich like this." He rated it a 9.

Sobotkin rated his Reuben sandwich a 9.5 because of its "perfect balance of all the elements."

A chicken sandwich with peppers, onions and mushrooms on a steak bun was an amazing addition to the menu. It was rated a 9 for flavor and zest.

Dina's received a bonus point in its score for being amazingly cheap. For five people the bill came to only \$20.50, about \$4 a person.

Dina's is highly recommended for the easy-going student who doesn't want eggs and doesn't want to drop more than a few bucks.

Overall rating for cleanliness, service and taste: **6.64**

Dave Binder returns



shows moniker promised, "Fire and Rain."

Taylor was not the only artist whose music was performed. Binder also played a handful of original songs he's penned such as "Another Valentine's Day," (how fitting) and "Love Song."

Dave Binder serenades in the Red Door.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Binder also whipped up two John Mayer covers,

"Comfortable," and "Your Body is a Wonderland." Despite the exceptional guitar playing, one had to be disappointed with the lack of vocal variance that Binder brought to these songs. It sounded like previously unreleased James Taylor songs, and James Taylor playing John Mayer. To his credit, though, Binder has Taylor's vocal intonation and inflection perfected.

Of course, the night would not be complete without a little crowd participation on the closing number, "You've Got a Friend." Binder invited the audience to hold hands and sing along, a perfect ending to the love that usually goes hand in hand with Valentine's Day.

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

Alongside his drum machine Fred, singer/songwriter Dave Binder brought his "Fire and Rain" show to Muhlenberg, an outlet for the musician to act as an intermediary for folk-rock legend James Taylor. Binder doesn't just cover Taylor's music -- he's studied the man's life. On Friday night, students who showed up at The Red Door were treated to not only eerily precise covers of some of Taylor's greatest hits; they were given a chance to look into the life of the man as well. Binder interspersed biographical information between songs such as "Something in the Way She Moves," and as the

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Aries

Beware of yellow snow! Your overwhelming penchant for lemon-flavored Sno Cones may be tenaciously tugging your attention to scoop up and eat away at that fluorescent lemony goodness. That yellow snow definitely has more in it than just sugar, syrup and water, so if you want to get your dessert, please purchase it from a licensed Sno Cone vendor.

Taurus

You were so excited about the snow days; you felt like a fourth-grader with a brand new slap bracelet! Yet the term "snow day" doesn't mean school is cancelled just because there is snow on the ground. Your delinquency due to your self-proclaimed snow days may lead to your failing a few midterms. But, hey, making naked snow angels was well worth the academic probation!

Gemini

Valentine's Day was a real bust this year. Your honey gave you a build-a-bear that cackles a

"I'm dumping you...sorry" message whenever you even contemplate looking at it. Do some therapeutic shopping. If your car is snowed out, just stop by our office and get yourself a hot 80s vintage-style Weekly T-shirt! It's the t-shirt that loves you back because no one else will.

Cancer

Now that the snow is thigh high, you finally have your chance to play some of the great practical jokes on your friends. Hide behind a mound of snow and ambush them with handfuls of rock salt and black top. Sure you ask, "why not just throw snow balls?" Well, snowballs are conventional and boring, and you don't want to be boring. Besides, snowballs don't hurt that much. You want to leave your mark (or welts) to make your friends (or enemies) to remember you.

Leo

You're afraid of water, and this past winter storm has really been horrendous for you. There's water everywhere, and you might melt if it touches you!

Don't panic. The roads will be clear in a few days, and your mom will be able to bring you the extra-special-water-shielding-apparatus to wear under your sweater. Not only will you not get wet, but people will really think you're cool. Crying in public is cool too, but you already knew that.

Virgo

That little paperclip guy that appears when you write your papers is trying to burn a hole into your forehead. Look away, look away! He's evil and he wants your soul. Change him quickly to Albert Einstein or to some slobbering dog. Anything but the paperclip demon. Besides, what paperclip has eyes and gives you grammar advice? He be just, plane wrong.

Libra

You're roommate has suddenly become the human vacuum. She eats all your food, wears all your clothes and uses your computer all the time to look up pictures "that glorify the beauty of the human body," as she calls it. She even sleeps in your bed, especially when you are in it with your

boyfriend. Bring your issues with her usurping up to her, and instead of asking her to stop, suggest she do your homework and take your tests too. That way, everyone benefits from her ungodly annoying lifestyle.

Scorpio

You're thinking about introducing your mother to your new "mate of the moment." Be wary of such a venture. Remember what happened the last time? Your boyfriend ended up crying after confessing his deep dark secrets about his love for Tom Jones when your mother asked what kind of music he liked. Every question Mom asks is fatal. She's evil, just like the paperclip man.

Sagittarius

By day you're a model student. You get good grades, attend all your meetings and greet every person you see. By night, you are...well, a big dork. You find yourself reading your Physics for Life book for pleasure, and you tell people that you love watching documentaries of mating Amazon locusts when you finish your home-

work at night. You iz a losah!

Capricorn

Even though you are used to marrying your cousins, swimming in the cement pond and using the outdoor latrine, the snow left over from the storm should not serve as your own natural toilet. Use the indoor plumbing like a civilized person. Your neighbors and classmates would appreciate the gesture, and you'll inadvertently help those crazy Aries who are attracted to yellow snow.

Aquarius

Spring Break is right around the corner, and you want to squeeze into that Speedo that fit so comfortably during the summer. Right now it's a little snug and not as flattering as it was several months ago. Don't sweat it. The gym is extremely crowded, and it's pretty hard to diet. Besides, where you're going doesn't require attire of any sort. Be free, go nuts, literally.

Pisces

Kenny G. is calling your name! All of your friends are going on cruises or driving to Dollywood for Spring Break, but you are content with staying home, eating Mallomars and hunkering down with dear ole dad, dear ole mom and dear ole pet tarantula for the week. Read some Harlequin romance and have fun!

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set in 1980, which was the oldest standing record left in any track event.

Senior Jason App also qualified for the ECACs in Pole Vault with a height of 13' 9 1/4".

Freshman Karen Mount had a record-breaking meet. She surpassed her teammate Junior Diana Garretto in the 1,000m with a time of 3:12.36, which Garretto had set four weeks ago.

Sophomore Meghan Douglas Snyder was one of the ECAC qualifiers. She qualified for the Pole Vault with an incredible height of 9' 6 1/4".

The indoor track team will be at Kutztown University this Friday to compete in the Bears Den Invitational.

This week's schedule

Friday: Indoor Track - Mules at Kutztown for Bears Den Invitational at 4:45 p.m.

Saturday: Women's basketball - Mules at Ursinus at 2:00 p.m.

Men's basketball - Mules at Ursinus at 4:00 p.m.

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Mule Profile: Senior Jed Wulfekotte wrestling in at 125 pounds

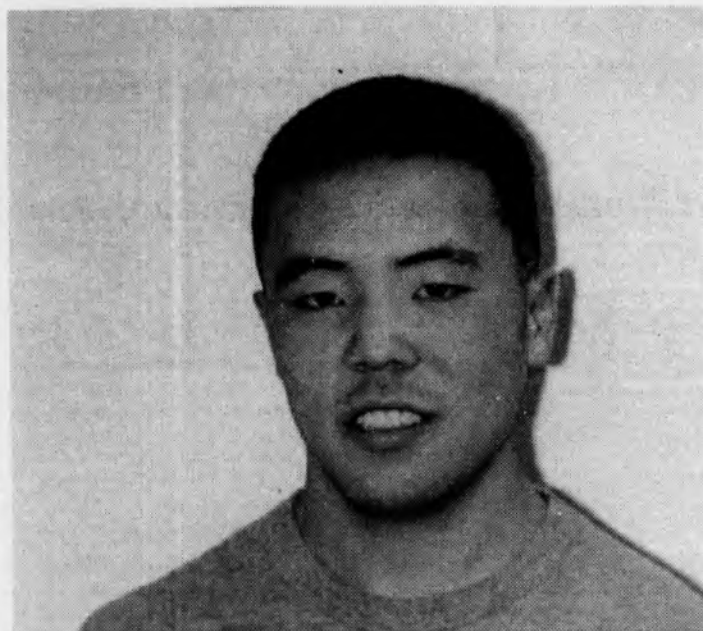
Wulfekotte is one of four seniors to break winningest class in Mule wrestling

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Raised in Lakewood, NJ, Jed Wulfekotte (125) is now one of the prominent Senior wrestlers at the College. Wulfekotte, who holds a personal record of 12-12 this season, has been wrestling since he was twelve.

His career began in seventh grade, when he was introduced to the sport by a family friend. "He was the New Jersey State Champion in wrestling," Wulfekotte said. "I learned so much from him and he was a great inspiration and role model for me growing up."

Another one of Wulfekotte's friends is now ranked number one in the



country and acts as an important role model for the Mule wrestler. His success has lead the Mules to double

digits in victories for the third consecutive season. This is the first time in Muhlenberg wrestling histo-

ry that the team has won at least ten in three straight years.

Wulfekotte, who is also a tour guide on campus, has recently been named to the Centennial Conference Academic Team for the second year in a row.

He is also a member of Phi Sigma Tau, which is the philosophy honors society, in addition to being a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

When looking forward to the rest of the season, Wulfekotte is very optimistic. "We have four seniors on our team this year, but as of now we haven't had the best season. However, we have all worked incredibly hard. We have had many people step up this year and look for-

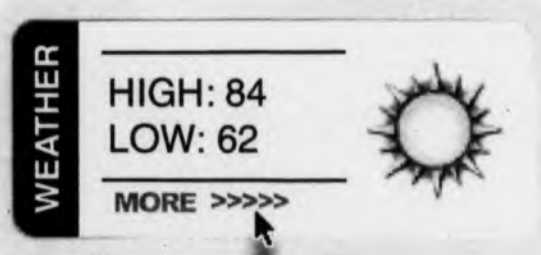
ward to some wins to close out the season."

Wulfekotte, who has been very successful this season, attributes the majority of his personal success to his teammates.

"The freshmen did a great job and really fulfilled their positions on the team. We upset Western Maryland once again this year, winning six to four, and that win was a total team effort. Not one person outshined another, and the whole team dynamic is extremely incredible," Wulfekotte stated.

After graduation, Wulfekotte plans on going to law school. He has hopes of attending either American University, Georgetown University or University of Pennsylvania.

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Indoor track has impressive finishes at Winter Classic

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The indoor track team came home with smiles on their faces after they ran at Bucknell this past weekend at the Bucknell Winter Classic. The Mules, lead by Senior Will Elson, broke four school records and had five ECAC qualifiers.

Elson won the 800m race with a time of 1:54.01. This time gave Elson a school record, one that surpassed the 1:55.73 that was previously set by him twice. Furthermore, he qualified for the NCAA Division III indoor track and field championships, exceeding the provisional qualifying standard of 1:55.10; the automatic qualifying mark is 1:52.90.

Elson competed against nine Division I and II runners. His time was more than a minute faster than that of the second place finisher, Lou Palma from Bucknell University. Elson has ran in both the NCAA championships for cross country and outdoor track.

Junior Brian Cash was liable for half of the school records that day. Cash knocked out teammate Elson's record in the 1,000m with a time of 2:34.44, as well as, broke the indoor mile record with a time of 4:22.66, was

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SPORTS

Mule wrestlers win one and lose one to end dual-meet season

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

On Friday, the Mule wrestlers were defeated by 23-rd out of 30 ranked Messiah, 38-9, in the final home match of the season. The Mules (10-10) faced up to four of the top thirty teams in the last eleven days. The Falcons were the seventh nationally ranked opponent the Mules faced this season.

Senior Nate Yeasted (141) had the Mules' lone earned win at this contest. Yeasted scored two takedowns in the second period with a 4-2 win over Geoff Harner.

Junior Josh Carter (HWT) also gained a win during his match, although his was by forfeit.

On Saturday the Mules wrestling team ended their dual-meet season with a 36-31 victory over Baptist Bible. The Mules (11-10) finished with a winning record for the third consecu-



Senior Nate Yeasted takes down his Messiah opponent.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

tive year. The wrestlers had an incredible meet. They took out the Defenders with ease. The Mules won three bouts by forfeit and another three by pinning their opponent in the first period. Sophomore Jeremy Hart (141) and

Dylan Moulton (157), and Junior Bill Cummins (184) all won by forfeit.

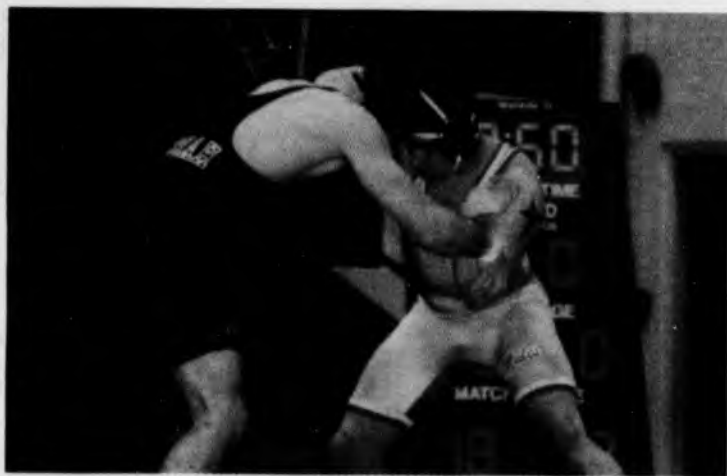
Three of the seniors had a great end to their career regular season. Nate Yeasted pinned his opponent, Josh Twigg in 48 seconds, which was four seconds off his

fastest career pin ever. Joe Salerno took down his opponent Corey Lee, as well, in the first period. This pin allowed Salerno to tie the tenth place record on the Mules' all-time list of eighteen career pins. To round out the wins, Greg Jacobs took down Defender Dan Davis in the first round which, ended the a great season for the Mule

wrestlers.

Yeasted and his other senior teammates-- Greg Jacobs, Joe Salerno and Jed Wulfekotte-- are the winningest class in Muhlenberg wrestling history. Their collective record over four years was 52-38.

The wrestlers will compete for the Centennial Conference Championships on Saturday at McDaniel.



Sophomore Frank Pepe grabs a hold of a Defender.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

Freshmen shine as women's basketball defeats Bryn Mawr



Junior Lindsay Tis dribbles up the court.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg women's basketball team (15-7, 11-1), led by Freshman Tiffany Kirk, defeated Bryn Mawr (1-21, 0-13) with a score of 73-43. Kirk recorded thirteen points and twelve rebounds to give the Mules a two-game lead in the Centennial Conference East Division.

Kirk, who attained her first double-double, also chipped in for the win with three assists. Freshman teammates Michelle Hirst and Stephanie Coluccini also stepped up to give the Mules their third consecutive win.

"I thought we played incredibly well together and we all worked together as a team," Kirk said.

"The freshmen really showed that we could keep up with the upperclassmen. Looking forward for the rest of the season, everyone is really excited for playoffs and I know we have enough talent to get far in the tournament. With our strong senior leaders, I know we will all play together and be really successful."

Hirst scored a career high thirteen points and six rebounds to become the twelfth different Mule to score in double figures so far this season.

Coluccini also recorded a career high twelve rebounds. Overall, the freshmen added up 53 of Muhlenberg's 73 points, and 46 of their 55 rebounds.

Junior Becky Richmond recorded seven points, and Junior Lindsay Tis also added in four points and three rebounds. Freshman Kristin

Piscadillo also stepped up, recording five points, three rebounds and three assists.

With this win over Bryn Mawr, the Mules hit the fifteen win mark for the seventh time in the last eight seasons. Muhlenberg, who now has a two-game lead in the Conference, can gain the home court advantage for the playoffs if they win two of their next three games.

After being snowed in this weekend, the Mules will be hitting the road this weekend against Ursinus.

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TKE fraternity faces three year suspension

BY MATT MEYERS
Assistant Managing Editor

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is the latest in a not-so-exclusive club of Greek organizations to be suspended by the College. The Campus Community was notified via e-mail the afternoon of Feb. 20, 2003, that TKE was the most recent fraternity to have received a suspension.

According to the memorandum from Rudy Ehrenberg's, Dean of Students, the fraternity was handed down a suspension for a period of three years for "allegations of sexual assault, simple assault, underage drinking, and alcohol and drug abuse." According to Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Greek

Affairs, these allegations are all recent and have taken place over the "last six to twelve months." Ehrenberg also said, "The fraternity will be eligible to return to campus, on a substance-free basis, in the fall of 2006." This is not the first time the fraternity has been reprimanded. The house has been condemned twice in recent years, including once by the Allentown Board of Health this past summer.

Due to the suspension, the College has given a choice to those nineteen students living in the fraternity house to either remain in the house until its closing on Sat., May 10, 2003, or to live in college housing for the remainder of the semester. For students who choose to move into college housing, the College will be



TKE has been suspended from campus for three years and will be permitted to return in the fall of 2006.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

pro-rating rooms according to the current rates. For those members of the TKE fraternity who choose to remain in the house, the College has informed them of changed in living conditions that will be made.

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Increase in sexual assault at the College; date rape drugs suspected

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

Just a month after returning from winter break, students across campus received another orange slip in the mail alerting them of a sexual assault on campus. This most recent case of sexual assault is the

sixth case since September, adding to the unusually high rate of reported sexual assaults for the year.

In several of these cases, college officials and the Allentown Police Department (APD) have also suspected the use of date rape drugs.

An alleged victim and her narrative

The most recent victim of alleged sexual assault reported the incident on Feb. 6 to Campus Safety. The victim was out at a Thursday night party on the night of the assault. "I pre-gamed at one of the dorms on campus with hard alcohol. Right from there, I went to a party at an off campus house," she explained. "During the course of the night, my boyfriend left. I stayed at the party with my so-called friends."

Later on, the student went to the Tremont apartments to smoke marijuana with a male friend of her boyfriend. "I don't remember most of the night at the house, and I remember only bits and pieces from the Tremont apartment," she explained. "I do

remember making the conscious decision to go smoke, but all of the other decisions were made by the friend I had left with. I don't remember going back to TKE (Tau Kappa Epsilon) or how we got there."

The victim blacked out for much of the night. "The next thing I know, I woke up, and I was naked on the couch under a blanket," she said. "The first thing I thought of when I looked at the situation, I think I was just stunned. There were two condom wrappers on the floor that was evidence of my sleeping with a guy that was not my boyfriend. More importantly, it wasn't by choice. I think

I was scared. I SEE ASSAULT | PAGE 10

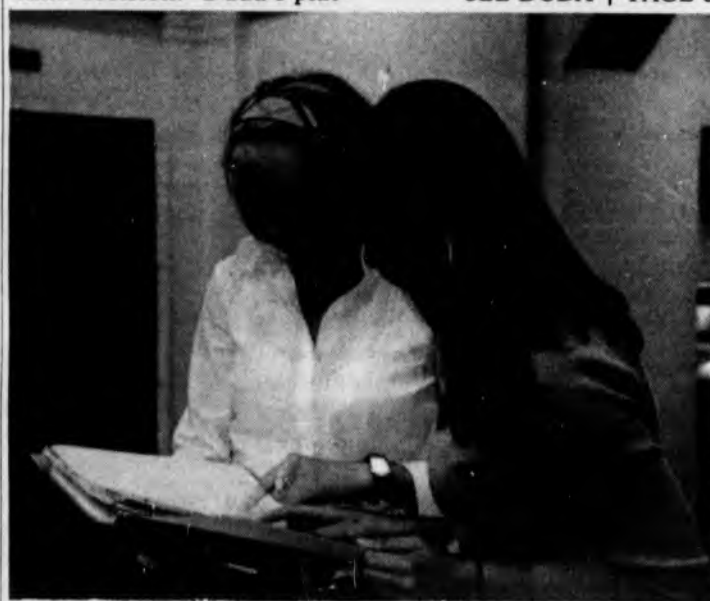
Duda elected new Student Body President

BY MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

After a rocky election process, Robyn Duda '04 has been named to the position of Student Body President for the 2003-2004 academic school year. Duda ran against Kevin Heenan '04 just prior to spring break. The election process resulted in a recount that delayed the final decision. Duda's plat-

form was based primarily upon two major ideas for the College. First, she wants to see more involvement by the College with the surrounding community. She is hoping to establish a coalition which will link the College to the surrounding community. Duda has been working on the project to improve neighbor relations throughout this year.

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Student Council President Robyn Duda '04 discusses her ideas for the Council with Kristie Byorek '04.

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Cohesion needed to combat assaults

In this issue, we report a significant increase in alleged sexual assaults this year, along with evidence that suggests the involvement of date rape drugs (See "Increase in sexual assault at the College; date rape drugs suspected," page 1).

The widely suspected presence of date rape drugs at the College is a clear threat to the sanctity of one's body, one's emotional stability and one's psychological well-being. The barbarism perpetuated by the use of date rape drugs is a clear threat to the safety of the College Community and the most minimal level of decency demanded by human beings.

Although the College should be commended on affirmative steps they have taken to prevent further sexual assaults on campus, it has become clear that one major problem persists—a highly fragmented system of sexual assault prevention, investigation and adjudication. It is the opinion of *The Weekly* that this eclipses the steps taken to rectify a problem that threatens the safety of members of the College Community and the quality of life at the College.

A lack of cohesion and communication mark the law enforcement approaches of the College and the City of Allentown. It has been noted that Campus Safety does not have the capability to test for date rape drugs, whereas the Allentown Police Department does. Through a rapid, joint response, the presence of such substances may be detected. Only through such means will the source(s) of date rape drugs be identified and the hazard they pose removed.

The College and the City of Allentown must be persistent in the prosecution of those who commit such crimes and force members of the College Community to live in a state of fear and constant suspicion. However, the College and the City must go beyond after-the-fact measures and take steps to reduce the chances of these violations from occurring at all.

Crime of the future



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Name? Birthdate? Social Security number? Hold on. With only those three pieces of information, a thief can steal your identity.

According to the U.S. Government's identity theft website, identity thieves can work in the following four ways. Using Ms. X's name, date of birth and Social Security num-

ber they can open a new credit card account and when the bills aren't paid, the fraudulent account appears on Ms. X's credit report. They can change the mailing address on Ms. X's current credit accounts and run up charges.

Because the bills are sent to the new address, Ms. X may not immediately realize there is a problem. They can open a bank account in Ms. X's name and pass bad checks on that account, or they can establish cellular phone service in Ms. X's name.

Identity theft is becoming more and more prevalent. Last month nineteen people in New York were charged with participation in an identity theft ring. By filing fraudulent income tax returns using stolen Social Security numbers, the group obtained at least seven million dollars.

The Federal Trade Commission's annual report on consumer complaints noted that 43 percent of complaints dealt with identity theft. The number of complaints doubled, from 86,000 to 162,000, although the increase can indicate greater awareness of identity theft, not necessarily an increase in the crime. Overall, consumers lost around 343 million dollars to identity thieves.

Due to the dangers of identity theft, one would conclude that we should do everything possible to keep our Social Security numbers

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private. But how many of us have given out those nine digits in GQ when the cash registers were not working? Our Social Security numbers are our student ID numbers. We need them for any number of things, including logging into Capstone online.

Sophia Robles, Registrar, explained that all official grading documents contain the following statement: "Social Security numbers are provided by the College for internal identification purposes only. Any other use is a violation of Muhlenberg student information release policy and federal law." The document also contains a warning noting that the document is not to be circulated or used for posting grades.

Personnel at the registrar's office take additional security measures. Explained Robles,

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Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I am an independent, female junior writing in concern for the lack of social life on our campus. I want to go on the record and tell those who think otherwise that

Students safe on campus

I have never once felt unsafe or unwelcome at any of the Muhlenberg College parties. In fact, I've always felt accepted and never pressured to partake in any type of risky behavior. These parties have always been a

refuge for students studying all week who just want to spend time with their friends and peers on the weekends. I would also like to remind people that just because students go to parties, it is not a clear-cut indication that they will be drinking. As unbelievable as it may seem, there are times that people go to parties and don't drink.

For years, Muhlenberg has stressed the importance of welcoming its students all over campus. If this were true and applicable to recent situations on campus, then why is it that even going to any

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Bush makes a bad appointment

Deanna Jaeger
Weekly Guest
Columnist

Despite President Bush's recent commitment overseas, he is apparently not too overbooked to instigate a battle on the home

front as well.

In a recent attempt at filling one of the eleven open positions on the Food and Drug Administration's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee, George Bush has appointed Dr. W. David Hager, an anti-choice obstetrician-gynecologist, to head the organization. The Committee, of which Hager is currently leader, is responsible for

providing scientific and medical advice to the FDA regarding the drugs that are used in matters included in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology. Of particular focus are all contraceptive medications and drugs used during abortions, infertility treatments, hormone replacement therapy, as well as labor and delivery.

Hager, who has published a book in which he asserts that victims of premenstrual syndrome should seek relief solely from the Bible and from prayer, and not from any pills or medication, seems to have no problem using religious beliefs as a means of setting women back by decades. Numerous credited sources have

stated that Hager refuses to prescribe contraceptives to any unmarried females, and opposes emergency contraceptives. Dr. Hager also reportedly cited the usage of condoms as being "almost malpractice." In addition, Hager issued a "citizen's petition" for the Christian Medical Association in an attempt at removing

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Mifepristone, an early abortion drug that underwent an approval process lasting twelve years, from the market. Despite the fact that this drug has been proven both safe and effective, Hager alludes to its demonic qualities, and would have it banned on religious grounds.

The United States Constitution places great emphasis upon the necessity of separating church from state when it comes to all political endeavors. It would seem that this constitutional priority is violated by the employment of such a man as Dr. Hager, who obviously uses the confines of his personal religion to deny

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Health Center woes

Amanda Phillips

Life! Editor

You know the feeling. You wake after a long nap with blurry vision, a tight chest, stomach pains and a headache that could kill a small child. Rolling over, you can sense last night's chicken alfredo might make a reappearance. Hung-over again? Nah, it's Friday at 5:00 p.m., you're over that by this point in the day. A scarier possibility dawns on you; you are sick and you know what that means: you need to go to the Health Center for some TLC. There is just one problem...you will need to suffer for more than

two days. The Health Center will not be open until Monday morning at nine.

Unlike mothers who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, our Health Center is only open from nine to five, Monday through Friday. Well, not to be realistic or anything, but most people I know don't fall ill just during regular business hours. Sure, if there is an emergency Campus Safety will come to save the day, but what if strep is the "emergency" and you contract it on Saturday morning? Tough luck. If you want prescriptions, or even just some salt to gargle with, you had better klepto some from GQ because you're not getting to the Center anytime soon.

Let me say that I do not blame the Center for not being open enough. It is not their fault if there is not enough funding allotted to their department. However, with the tuition raise it would be nice to see more than just a relocated Center with new paint on the walls and fresh reading material. Nothing could be more beneficial than added hours -- we patients can get by with reading old *Ciarla* a few more times.

Perhaps I am being too greedy with wanting the Health Center to be open more of the time. After all, health care professionals are busy people, and if the school cannot afford more time for

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Radio, *The Idiot Wind*: Side A

Chris Price

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

-So spring is coming--
-Well I haven't seen anything yet...
-Anyway Lauren, I keep telling my wife--
-Haha why are men always telling...
-Because someone has to, otherwise--
Don't be cross at me, it's a radio recipe. All I did was sprinkle in the season and garlic up the gender battle. Practiced by "d" jockeys everywhere, they seem to grill like this when I have five minutes before class and need a lasting shot of salvation. Instead I hear seasonal clichés and gender bickering.

It's nothing new. Commercial, or Popular Radio formulas are everywhere: They can be in cars, trucks, banks, army bases or even on your shower radio. P.R.'s come in every shape, size and wavelength. If you, or anyone you know, hear any of these popular radio formulas, tune into 91.7-WMUH-Allentown.

This is one haven where you can escape the play lists arranged with you in mind. I say that free of sarcasm, because you are exactly who they have in mind. Otherwise the marketer and radio programmer should fight for a position as somebody's right hand man. But for now they have jobs and they're working.

Here's the scoop: Demographers profile a type of music for an audience and match this with competing advertisers. The radio stations then program what type of music is appropriate for this particular audience. The programmer's job is to make sure that we don't change the station so we hear advertisements. To do this, he will try one trick in the book: Arrange songs familiar to his listeners so they stay his familiar listeners.

This is why we hear the same, formulaic, hummable songs over again on every radio station. This means anything risky, innovative, or unknown is right out. Tunes may be different across stations, but each will simply regurgitate within their specific genre.

If we keep listening, we hear advertisements, which goes back to the goal of the programmer. This is good if your name is marketer, radio station, Lauren, or advertising company. Mine is Chris.

So if I don't change the station, I hear commercials and annoying banter. The annoying banter is the D.J. belief that we don't want to hear real music, and the commercials ensure the same thing.

So let me scoop out this wedgie: Marketing corporations spoon-feed the musical equivalent of Uncle Barfchuk's Blowout Hot Dogs to compliant radio stations, and it's the people who eat their feces. Victims though they are, the people keep swallowing, and remain the chokepoint. Look at what happened to the new Coke, or for younger readers, Crystal Clear Pepsi. When people stop consuming bad products, the products are removed from circulation. Unfortunately, more alternatives exist in the soft-drink market than in music.

So I can't lay all the blame on those 'top forty-heads.' The current system makes it difficult for people to hear anything but what is currently popular. It's an effort for individuals to find something else to listen to. When we factor in the diminishing number of college and independently owned radio stations, the chance one is playing a genre congruent with the listeners' tastes become thinner. Engulfing the airwaves, and foiling local radio stations are multi-station networks like Clear Channel. It owns over 1,200 radio stations and controls 60 percent of all rock programming. Homogenizing music is sour for everyone but the aforementioned system that supports it. Corporations like Clear Channel care nothing about making positive contributions to the culture of local regions. Instead they concern themselves with profiting at each subsidiary station. This takes regional differences in music and cuts art to a "t," a slaughtering effect on the music world but for multi-station networks, it's a perfect fit.

Is chivalry dead?

Leslie Becker

Weekly Guest Columnist

I recently performed a case study. This study involved me, my other five-foot tall female friend, two shovels, a monstrosity of a mini-van, a heap of snow and a sampling of fifty Muhlenberg males. After shoveling our own cars, we decided to do a favor and help a friend shovel hers. As I stood knee-deep in snow, I noticed the large groups of people, especially some robust-looking men, walk by. I struggled to maneuver my five-foot frame around the rather large snow banks. I bent over huffing and puffing, heaving snow left and right. Out of the corner of

my eye I could see a group of guys much like the ones who had passed by us before, standing in front of the freshman dorms...literally standing there and watching. My friend made the same observation, so we decided to play a counting game. We wondered how many guys would pass by us, or stare at us shoveling, before they would offer to lend a helping hand. By the time that the car was completely clear, a total of fifty, yes, fifty guys had walked by us or, like the group in front of Prosser, just stood there stupidly watching us shovel. Some of them even came up and made friendly conversation, but

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Weekly Discourse: Perception and the media

Different perspectives on the effects of media on body image

Dr. Susan Ross
Weekly Guest Columnist

From the perspective of research, we can't know for sure if the media affect body image. Because we are subjected to so many influences -- peers, culture, genetics, family life -- the influence of media can't be isolated as the one variable that makes for our ideas of body image. One study by Harvard Medical School researchers claimed that the incidence of eating disorders in Fiji followed the arrival of TV on the island in the late 90's. Supposedly, in 1998, teenage girls in Fiji reported that they were vomiting to control their weight, which represented a change in behavior from only three years prior. But subsequent questions have arisen about that research. For instance, other changes that coincided with the introduction of television in Fiji, such as the installation of electricity, could very well also have affected changes in eating habits, which may have, in turn, influenced the incidence of eating disorders.

Nonetheless, even if research can't definitively prove that images are powerful, we all feel the effects of living in an image-based society.

Dr. Linda Bips
Weekly Guest Columnist

Did the current ideal body type start with the model Twiggy in the 1960's? Or can we observe the thinning of the media woman in the decreasing size of Monica, Phoebe and Rachel on *Friends* over the past nine years? There is no question that we are bombarded with thin women and tight muscled men in all media -- magazines, television, movies and the Internet. Why should we care about the media's presentation of an ideal body type?

Ideal body types may impact one's body image. What is body image? It is how you see or perceive your body but also includes how you think others see your body, what you believe about your physical appearance, and how you feel about your body. Also these ideal types may result in dissatisfaction with real bodies that may lead to eating disorders in both

As a result of the constant bombardment of advertising, we all have ideas in our minds about what constitutes ideal beauty, and for women, those images are singularly narrow: thin, sleek, carefree and fit. And many women complain about the feelings they have about themselves after leafing through magazines such as *Cosmopolitan* or *Glamour*. Somehow, there is a force outside

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of ourselves that determines not only how we feel about our bodies, but also what we do with them and how we use and manipulate them to construct our identities.

The question of whether the media influence body image or not is perhaps not the right question. The more important questions are these: How can we resist the encoded ideology of messages about our bodies and learn to appreciate the true beauty of human bodies of all types? And ultimately, how can we ourselves work to create media that, instead of constituting a system of images that is obsessively body-oriented, focuses on the deeper and more interesting facets of our beings, such as intelligence, character, complexity and experience?

men and women.

Research that addresses the questions about media and body image shows mixed results. As stated in *Healthy Weight Journal* in 2000, Michael Levine reviewed numerous studies and found that there are contradictory findings. Some studies have found a relationship between negative body image, disordered eating and the level of media exposure while others have found that media has little to no effect on body image and disordered eating. Levine concluded that more research must be done to understand the complex relationship

between body image and mass media. Why do some men and women internalize the media message of thinness and others remain unaffected? Until we have more answers, it is important for all of us to become critical viewers of the media ideal and to assert pressure on the media to provide us with more models of real bodies that reflect the men and women that we

Talya Nack
Weekly Guest Columnist

Most people are constantly trying to size up to the bodies of models on television, in movies and in magazines. The burden this places upon us is that the body images which are being portrayed are very different from the bodies of average people. A number of problems stem from this issue, including distorted body image, unhealthy eating and exercise habits, as well as in extreme cases, eating disorders.

Studies have shown that the average runway model weighs 80 to 83 percent of what a woman of her height and age should weigh (Information from *Mirror, Mirror*; written by Kay Hawes). The first criterion of Anorexia Nervosa is that the individual be under 85 percent of their expected body weight. According to this information, women striving to have the same bodies as these models are, in a

sense, striving to be anorexic. The average woman is unable to achieve the body image that woman in the media portray. The reality that women don't feel they can live up to the representation they see in the media causes them to have a distorted body image. It has been shown that distorted body images are directly related to eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia.

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The "perfect" body takes a lot of work, including healthy eating and exercise for an extended period of time, and from then on in order to maintain that body.

People want to see the results immediately, which throws them into unhealthy eating habits and eventually may lead to eating disorders. It is important for women and men alike to understand that the bodies models and celebrities have cannot be compared to their own. Striving for such a body can, in some cases, lead to a number of different eating disorders.

Ben Solomon
Weekly Guest Columnist

As I write, this my roommate toils over his friend who is taking a muscle enhancer made from nitric oxide. Body image has become a growing obsession in America.

Due to public exposure to mass media via radio, magazines and especially television, millions of people diet, exercise and take miracle pills to attain a single desired image of a "perfect figure."

While up to 34 percent of college women strive for their ideal weight, only sixteen percent of college men do the same. Yet studies have shown that what obsession men lack for weight, they make up for in physique. Up to 47 percent of men are dissatisfied with their physique, wanting to become "bigger." Hence the male body image problem isn't like that of women, which is why it has eluded us for so long. The desperation for an ideal body shape, "the V-shape," is only slightly less than that of women's desire for an ideal weight. While women have a greater problem with eating disorders and spend four billion a year on workout

equipment and surgery, men have a much greater problem with drugs such as steroids and spend nearly just as much money on club memberships and dangerous miracle pills. Two researchers on the topic, Wendy Hoyt and Lori Kogan, define this as the "Adonis complex," Adonis being a muscle-bound beautiful demigod of Greek lore.

The main source of the Adonis complex is seen on television. Gregory Fouts and Kimberly Vaughan did a study in which they found that "non-ideal" body imaged actors consistently treated themselves poorly, and were usually socially estranged.

Body image isn't a biological disposition, it's fed into us by powerful media tactics. In our current world, while a fit body is something to be desired simply for its great health benefits, the cut and ripped shoulders and abs we see on TV have no more grounding in benefit than the producers who reap in the millions for showing them. Male body image problems are becoming increasingly rampant in the United States. They must be sternly and openly fought or they will continue to spread and strengthen.

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women the medical and scientific developments that are included within their legal rights. Hager, who was appointed not by the people whom his beliefs will effect, but rather by the President himself, is inhumane in his desire to revoke access to treatments for medical conditions such as breast cancer, uterine cancer, uterine fibroid tumors, psychotic depression and bipolar depression, along with many others. Equally horrifying, Hager seems to feel that the many women to whom pregnancy can be life-threatening, such as those suffering from certain types of diabetes or those receiving cancer treatments, are mere casualties on the religious battleground.

I suppose Dr. Hager's religion dictates that it is acceptable to let a woman die when complications can easily be rectified, but this hardly seems just. In the name of religion, Hager would condemn countless unborn children to lives of poverty and poor parenting, deny women of their legal right to protect themselves from venereal diseases as well as from pregnancy, and would allow much needless suffering and death. Armed with strong religious beliefs, Hager is hardly the picture of logic and neutrality, and is not the force that this country needs in a position of such power and influence.

Tainted by the restrictions of Christianity, Hager is extremely biased, and should therefore be dismissed as a candidate for a position upon whom women of all religions rely to make such huge decisions.

Although Dr. Hager's ridiculous ideas concerning the rights of women are solely his own, in appointing such a biased crusader as head of a committee in charge of decisions of such modern relevance, President George Bush is wrongly supporting the puppeteering of Christianity, and enslavement of the supposedly liberated woman.

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party on campus brings constant hesitation for the sole reason that it may get broken up? Why is it that so many more students now are going home on the weekends? I think that I speak for a lot of students when I say that if I had known that Muhlenberg was going to become a suitcase school I would not have decided to come here. The way I see it, forcing students to now go to other schools and off campus in order to obtain any kind of social life is far from welcoming. If students choose to drink, naturally it would be safer for them to remain on campus rather than driving to another school. Drunk driving should hold priority over parties that take place within walking distance on campus.

I remember so many people saying that these are going to be the best four years of your life; you'll make amazing friends and create lasting memories. Well, with the uncontrollable diminishing social life, how do we make those memories?

--Regina Simone
Class of 2004

HEALTH CENTER

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the Center to be open, then so be it. What is interesting to note, however, is how other colleges compare. Dickinson holds basically the same hours as the College's, but with a few added hours on Saturdays. Lehigh has slightly longer hours than ours, and is also open on Saturdays for six hours, which is pretty impressive. Franklin and Marshall's Appel Health Services are open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays for an added three hours a day, and are nationally acclaimed according to the

F&M website. A college that truly shows up ours is Lafayette. Their health center is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Imagine being able to go to the Center any day of the week...it's quite a luxury. I'm not saying I expect miracles from our Health Center. At a competitive (and "caring") college, however, it would be nice to have a Center where we can access the concerned individuals that work there. If I am sick, I want to be helped, and I want to be able to get my brown paper bag, even on Saturdays.

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"When we dispose of a document that contains personal information, the document must be shredded in order to prevent any individual from having access to your personal student records... In Capstone, when an advisor enters your name to look up your record, your social security number is blocked out and when you print your student transcript, neither your name nor personal information are printed or shown in the

screen." Additionally, the College conducts training workshops for new employees and students regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA regulates the privacy protection of students' educational records. "Muhlenberg and the Office of the Registrar take FERPA very seriously...[FERPA] is protecting your privacy," said Robles.

The College is aware and is taking steps to ensure our privacy. We as students should be aware as well.

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out of the fifty guys who noticed us shoveling, the total number of males who offered to help: zero.

The conclusion of my study? Male chivalry, at least on the Muhlenberg campus, is dead. I guarantee you that if we had stood there a half-hour longer another fifty guys would have passed by us without lifting a finger.

Could some of the young women who passed by have offered to help? Sure. Did we get the job done on our own? Yes. However, I find myself wondering, what happened to good old male chivalry? It is far too often that I find myself struggling to get through the doors of Seegers Union with my arms full, and a guy will let the door slam right in my face. Or in this case fifty young men stood by and watched two little women struggle to clear the way of a gigantic vehicle. Come on guys, a little bit of brute force could have helped us get the job done faster!

Yes, we live in an era of post-women's lib. Yes we are strong women and can shovel just as well as the rest of the guys. Damsels in distress? I think not. However, as much as it seems old fashioned to say, I wonder...what happened to chivalry just for, well, the sake of chivalry? Perhaps on this campus, we may never know.

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Sun., Mar. 16

6:00 p.m. -- Recital Hall, CA

**Female Sexuality:
Are We Having
Fun Yet?****Panel of students
and
faculty discuss what
it means to live 30
years after the****"sexual
revolution"****Tues., Mar. 18****7:00 p.m. - Moyer
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Celebration of
Women and Art**Celebrate the visual arts, music,
poetry, dance and more!

Wed., Mar. 19

8:00 p.m. - 11 p.m.

ML Underground

**Take Back the Night: March
and Speakout**

Thurs., Mar. 20

8 p.m. -- meet in front of the Chapel to march

9 p.m. -- speakout in front of Miller Forum,

Moyer Hall

Virtual Women:**Bodies in the
Age of Digital
Technology**

Discussion Leader:

Dr. Francesca Coppa,

English Department

Mon., Mar. 17

7:30 p.m. -- Recital

Hall, CA

Housing denies off campus housing to rising juniors

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

The conclusion of the semester not only brings students to the inevitable job of taking final exams but also the task of deciding on a place to live for the following year. Those looking for special interest housing have already had to apply. The following fourteen groups were approved for MILE and residence hall areas: ENACT, E.M.S., History, P.E.A.C.E., DANCE Group, SHARE, Student Athlete Mentors, Anti-Bias, Shalom, Substance Free, PRIDE, Service Group, ISA and Multicultural. Groups undergo a lengthy application and interview process. One of the most important criterion is what the group will bring to both the College community, and the Allentown community at

large. Housing Services looks at substantial contributions the group has already made on campus, and future plans in motion to further benefit the community. The fourteen groups had until Wednesday to accept or refuse the special interest housing offers; however, the four groups who were denied will not be reconsidered should any of the fourteen groups turn down their housing offers.

Off Campus housing has also already been determined, leaving many disappointed rising juniors and sophomores: only rising seniors were approved for Off Campus housing. According to Aaron Bova, Assistant Director of Housing Services, the three factors determining Off Campus housing are GPA, a minimum 2.5 is required, good Judicial standing and class year. The Dean of Students' office and

Residential Services determine the number of students who will be allowed to live off campus. The number includes current students who are living off campus and will not be graduating, as well as additional new students. After a number is set, usually between 150 and 180, academically and judicially eligible students are approved, beginning with rising seniors.

While Off Campus housing is traditionally a "seniors only" situation, there are usually a few juniors who are approved. This year sixty to seventy additional members of the Class of 2004 applied for Off Campus housing compared to the usual amount. This is the first time only seniors have been approved for Off Campus housing.

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MILE houses are among the various off campus properties denied to rising juniors.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

Tuition bill hike for students

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

Parents and students received notice of the annual tuition increase this past week when they received a letter from James Steffy, Interim President of the College.

The comprehensive fee for 2003-2004 increased \$1,735 from \$29,750 to \$31,485 for the upcoming year. According to Kent Dyer, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, this 5.8 percent increase was necessary for several reasons.

"Four or five faculty positions will be added on," said Dyer, "This is more than has been added in the past." Essentially, the College decided to hire more professors because they want more courses taught by full-time faculty than adjunct faculty.

The College has accumulated up to 1,000 computers that need to be updated and replaced in a system of ongoing replacement. This is a necessary process because the lifespan of the computers is short.

"The last few years, on an annual basis, we've increased [network] bandwidth," stated Dyer.

The additional funds from the increase will also be utilized to grant monetary allocations to the sciences. The college has provided these grants for the past several years. "We do

not see that slowing down at all," said Dyer.

In addition to the increase in the hiring of new teachers, another need for the increase comes from the College's insurance costs.

"Reverberations from Sept. 11 are still being felt. [The] entire insurance package saw a 43 percent increase at the Oct. 1 renewal date," confirmed Dyer. Next year, the College anticipates an approximate 20 percent increase in insurance costs, as nationwide speculation predicts the continued but smaller increase in overall insurance costs. "We want to be prepared for it again," avowed Dyer.

The recent decrease in the value of the College's endowment has not affected the cost of tuition. Dyer says, "the College runs on a five-year averaging. For schools that run on a three-year [averaging] endowment would be giving less." On a positive note, the endowment is looking slightly up for next year.

This year's increase in tuition amounts to 5.8 percent and is only slightly larger than the 2002 and 2001 increases at 5.6 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively.

There was, however, a significant increase in the amount that tuition was raised between 2000 and

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Zoning changes could help housing

BY DANIELLE MARCANTUONO
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Allentown City Council received a new proposal from the College this year. Hoping to allow more housing options for students, the College applied for new zoning on the 2100 block of Chew St. through City Council.

The College offers a variety of campus housing options, but in recent years, the number of applicants hoping for a MILE House has risen significantly. Under this option, students

may choose to live in two, three or four person housing units on Chew, Liberty, Tilghman, Gordon, 22nd and Albright Streets, making for a total of nine separate properties owned by the College.

Vice President of Finance and College Treasurer Kent Dyer states that "the interest and demand for this option has become far greater than the actual supply."

In the hopes of better accommodating students in more MILE house properties, the College has turned

its attention to the 2100 block of Chew Street. "This area is currently zoned residential, and the College has applied for what is known as IG or institutional zoning," said Dyer. He said that this "would allow the College to have more flexibility with the use of MILE House properties."

There are four houses on Chew Street that could potentially house several students; however, only two student occupants are allowed in each house under the current residential zoning. "If the zoning is changed to institutional, we could have four students living in each house, which would help us to meet our immediate goal of providing more housing for our students," explained Dyer.

The application was sent out for review to the City Council of Allentown in late January. It will be referred to a planning committee,

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The 2100 block of Chew St. may be rezoned for institutional use allowing the College to place more students in each residence.

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Jewish opinion expressed in poll

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL AND
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With some unexpected results, a survey of Jewish opinion was recently conducted in the Lehigh Valley with the collaboration of Dr. Alan Mittleman, Chair of the College's Religion Department and Dr. Christopher Borick, Director of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion. The survey asked Jewish residents of the Lehigh Valley a variety of questions about various political and social issues, and produced twelve key findings.

The first of these twelve findings was that respondents who were Jewish had a greater preference for government policies and decisions that help to uphold a firm separation between church and state than non-Jewish respondents.

Jews are more likely than non-Jews to oppose upholding school vouchers' validity at religious schools even though a plurality of Jews and non-Jews opposed the recent Supreme Court decisions that allow vouchers to be used at religiously affiliated schools.

There is also a consensus among both Jews and non-Jews on the conditions that they consider necessary in order for the vouchers to be put into effect.

Subsequently, the majority of Jews and non-Jews do not agree with recent attempts to remove "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance and to forbid display of the Ten Commandments in government buildings.

The study also found that Jews are three times more likely than non-Jews to indicate their belief that religion is too prevalent in every day life.

Jews showed significantly more support for policies



The Hillel House is a popular gathering spot for all members of the Campus Community.

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such as same sex marriage, euthanasia and cloning-based scientific research than non-Jews.

Both Jews and Catholics have similar positions in relation to the use of capital punishment. In both groups, 32 percent opposed the use of the death penalty. Protestants, on the other hand, were much more likely to stand behind halting the use of the death penalty.

Among the other findings were that Jews were two times more likely to hold a favorable viewpoint of atheists than non-Jews, 74 percent Jews versus 38 percent non-Jews.

52 percent of Jews and 60 percent of non-Jews support the use of military force to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

This study was a joint project of both the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion, and the Center for Jewish Community Studies (in Philadelphia).

Dr. Mittleman is involved in this program, as the director of the "Jews and the American Public Square" project for the Center. With the help of Dr. Borick, the recent Jewish opinion study yielded

interesting results.

2,500 questionnaires were sent to Jewish families in the Lehigh Valley, of which 525 responses were returned.

According to Dr. Mittleman, "This study was designed to provide insight

into the views of Jews and non-Jews regarding a variety of contemporary issues, particularly those pertaining to the relationship between church and state."

In addition, the study covered topics such as euthanasia, cloning, tuition vouchers, and other current issues.

While this was a local survey, both Mittleman and Borick said that they believe the findings of the survey reflect Jewish views throughout the United States.

those of many competing institutions.

For instance, Lafayette College's comprehensive fee for the upcoming year is \$35,580 and Bucknell University's is \$35,262, both significantly higher than that of the College.

In order to assuage concerned families regarding

the tuition increase, Dyer confirmed that, "yes, the [financial] aid budget will definitely increase for next year. We do realize that we need to have the support there."

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which is appointed by the Council. The committee is then in charge of the decision on whether rezoning will be possible to carry out. If they decide to allow the rezoning of the 2100 block of Chew Street, the committee will also recommend a process by which the change will be put into affect.

Dyer explained that efforts to rezone have not been planned out or thought of without the consideration of the residents of Allentown, whose homes surround the College. "We cannot do what is known as spot zoning," said Dyer. "It is not possible to rezone an area if we [the College] do not own all of it. If you have six houses in one area but you only own three of them, you cannot rezone that particular area because it is unfair to the residents who already have homes there. So, the College had to wait to gain ownership of these areas before even thinking about rezoning."

Dyer expressed hope that the planning committee would draw up a proposal to be reviewed by the City Council sometime this April, in which case the College would be informed of the status of the rezoning application by late May. If the Council approves the application, a public hearing will be held during which those who are opposed to the idea may express their opinion before any sort of action is taken.

In his understanding of the need for the rezoning, Dyer said that the College "would certainly put forth our feelings as to why it should be done."

For the time being, Dyer explained that the institutional zoning would be for the use of the housing process only instead of for any new construction projects. "Our goal right now is acquire more bed space, although that is not to say that the institutional zoning could not be put to use in other ways in the future, but there are no immediate plans for anything like that."

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2001.

The 2000 increase was 4.8 percent compared to 5.5 percent in 2001.

Despite the increase, the College's comprehensive fee is significantly lower than

New Registrar brings change to the College

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly Staff Writer

Hoping to bring change to her office, Sophia Robles has joined the College as the new Registrar this semester with several plans for improvement in her office. She plans to make the Capstone program more efficient, eventually offer students online registration and make students feel comfortable about coming to the office. Robles, from Easton, Pa., began her position on Feb. 24.

Robles commented that to make the office more efficient, she will look at how her predecessor, Brad Barron, ran the office and

then decide how to make changes. Regarding Capstone, Robles said she wants to examine "the capabilities of the program and see if we can expand on that." She recognizes that "it's a very old system and I don't have an aversion to exploring it and making it better."

With regard to online registration, Robles said, "Eventually we will go there. How long it will take is another matter." One inhibiting factor involves the resources the College is able to use toward the project. Another concern regarding online registration is the loss of faculty involvement in the students' registration process.

Currently, every student must obtain their faculty advisor's signature before registering for classes so that every advisor knows what courses their advisees will be taking. Robles said, "That is a good interaction. In the long run, it will contribute to the Muhlenberg experience. I hope it stays like that even if we go on the Web. We will work on that."

Robles' main goal as the College's new Registrar is to ensure that the office is accessible to all students. She said, "I would like to feel that this office — and me in particular — is always open to students." Her hope is that students will not only come to the office with their complaints and problems, but also with good stories of successes. Robles also wants to increase students' "access [to] the Web instead of dealing with so much paper." The office is trying to improve the website so that pages are quickly updated as necessary.

Currently, the Registrar's office is working on the fall 2003 semester, preparing the schedule and room assignments. During these



Sophia Robles works diligently preparing the course schedule for next semester.

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - Lehigh County intends to make farmland and open space preservation grants available to its 25 municipalities based on population. At a workshop for municipal officials Monday, county administrators said they anticipate spending \$15 million over the next five years for programs to preserve green space, or to improve parks and recreational facilities, as part of the Green Future Fund program. Voters of the county approved the concept of borrowing for open space preservation last year.

Allentown - There is an old saying among lawyers, defense lawyer Gavin Holihan told jurors Monday. When the facts aren't on your side, you pound the law. When the law isn't on your side, you pound the table. Holihan claimed that is what Lehigh County prosecutors tried to do in the homicide case against his client, Ramon Sanchez. By showing graphic autopsy photographs of victim Lloyd Gehret, the prosecution, Holihan said, was trying to appeal to jurors' emotions. But prosecutor Matthew Weintraub, who gave his closing argument after Holihan, said the only pounding going on was when Sanchez gripped a hammer and crushed the 67-year-old Gehret's skull.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 29	High: 52 Low: 37	High: 55 Low: 36

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"Dave Fischer and myself are going to send out surveys to the community because essentially, we would like to make the community aware of what we do," said Duda. "Many people really want to become involved with the coalition."

Because there was some slight controversy surrounding the election, Heenan called for a recount of the votes and called for an appeal of the entire election. "There can be a recount of the votes which either candidate may call for," said Duda.

After Heenan made the request for an appeal of the election, the Dean of Students' office reviewed the situation. The Dean's office issued the final statement about the election.

The office had decided that the alleged incidents of impropriety did not actually occur or would not have affected the election. They consequently allowed the initial results to stand, officially naming Duda as

President.

Discussing the role of student government in the College Community, Duda explained that each year Student Council tries to "form better communication between what is occurring with administration and what the students on campus actually know," she said. Duda said she wants to provide more information to the student body.

Duda also explained that Student Council will be surveying students about the various student organizations that Student Council funds to get a better idea of student opinion on the organizations.

To reach the students and find out what they want through the survey, Council will work with Dr. Christopher Borick of the Political Science Department.

Within Student Council, Duda also has plans for improvement. "We want to get everyone to want to be at our meetings," said Duda. "We want to have the ability to get the highest level of productivity out of

For example, a signature and proof of identification is required before a student's transcript can be released. In addition, Robles said the office is in charge of "sending out grades, collecting midterm grades, preparing the schedule [and] registration for the summer. There's always activity in the registrar's

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individuals." She explained that often most of the work in an organization is only done by a few of its members.

Previously, Duda served as the Class of 2004's Treasurer, during her first year at the College. She was elected as a Class Representative as a sophomore. At that time, she was also elected as the Recording Secretary, making her a member of the Executive Board.

She has served as Class Treasurer, as well Head of the Finance Committee this year. Last year, she co-chaired the Henry Awards and she serves as the sole chair. She is also the President of the Delta Zeta sorority.

Duda holds several positions on campus in addition to her new position of president. She is a tour guide, a member of the Cardinal Key Society, has been an Resident Liason for the past year and half and was previously a student advisor.

She is a business and political science double major.

Resident Advisors begin training on campus

BY ALICE MCGRAIL
Weekly News Writer

Amongst mid-terms and snow storms, new Resident Assistants are being assigned to the residence halls for the 2003-2004 school year and training for the position has commenced. Placements in each residence hall were sent out just prior to spring break.

This year there were approximately 70 applications for the positions for next year, including returning applicants. There are now currently 58 RAs including Head Residents and Resident Liaisons, which are for MILE, Tremont, and MacGregor properties.

There are two RA training sessions that occur during the year. The first one is

before the start of the fall semester. Head Residents (HR) come back two weeks prior to dorm opening and RAs come back one week prior to opening. The second training session is before the start of spring semester in January and only lasts for a weekend.

Training sessions for RAs are filled with a variety of activities that give them experience for their job.

Ice-breaker games are played as well as a game called "trainwreck," which is a favorite among residential staff.

RAs also meet all of the major departments on campus and learn about the resources they have to offer the residents. These departments consist of Student Activities, Community Service, Chapel/Hillel and Dean of Students. There is

also a session with Campus Safety to teach each RA school policies that will be needed for their possession. At the end of the week there are simulations in which the RAs are put into situations to build experience. HRs help their staffs get to know one another and their assigned building.

"This year was the best training that I've experienced. As a HR we designed it so it would be a fun experience instead of sitting in lectures all day," stated Heather Vant Hoogt, the current HR of Walz Hall. Heather enjoys her position as a Head Resident: "It was a rough adjustment at first, managing classes and schoolwork, work study, outside clubs



Current Resident Advisors participate in an inservice training session focusing on nutrition.

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and activities, and a social life. I got into the swing of things and finally grew to love my job. I'm in control of a whole building and an

entire staff comes to me with their concerns. It's a lot of power and responsibility that not many people can understand."

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 20 - Vandalism - The glass casing of the vending machine in the Center for the Arts was busted open. The looters ravaged the machine and stole various food products.

Feb. 20 - Theft - A watch was stolen from a gym bag pocket at the Life Sports Center.

Feb. 20 - Mischief - Four college vans suffered external damage when vandals slashed the front passenger side tire.

Feb. 20 - Fire Alarm - A student of South Hall set off the fire alarm when the food cooking on the stove began to burn.

Feb. 20 - Failure to Comply - A freshman student was found in violation of possessing a vehicle on campus. The student was referred to the Judicial Process for his actions.

Feb. 20 - Alcohol Violation - Two students in Seegers Union were in violation of disorderly conduct. One student, Theodore Olshefsky '06, was arrested by APD. Both students have been referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 21 - Failure to Comply - A faculty member had a car parked in the back parking lot during the snowstorm. The faculty member has been referred to the

Dean of Faculty.

Feb. 21 - Harassment by Communication - A student has been receiving phone calls in the early morning hours.

Feb. 21 - Theft - A band of students ravaged the shelves filled with food at the Hillel house. The house was found in a destructive state with trash and food littered on the floors. The group of student burglars are under investigation.

Feb. 21 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student was involved in a motor accident off campus on 26th street.

Feb. 21 - Injured student - A student suffered from nail polish in the eye in Prosser Hall. The nail polish injury was promptly treated at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Feb. 21 - Fire/Safety/Violation/Disturbance - A group of students of TKE fraternity threw trash barrels over and were playing with several fire alarms.

Feb. 22 - Vandalism - A bulletin board at the west side door to Seegers Union was damaged and ripped from the wall.

Feb. 22 - Hit and Run - There was a hit and run accident behind Seegers Union. The car was not identified.

Feb. 22 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm in South Hall was set off from burnt popcorn.

Feb. 23 - Alcohol Violation - One student was reported at the Ye Old Muhlenberg Tavern as underage to the College. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 23 - Vandalism - A suspicious looking car was seen on 22nd street. The car, which has been identified as a silver VW Jetta was seen with the passengers throwing eggs out of the window at passing cars.

Feb. 23 - Abandon 911 Call - A student of Brown 106 called 911 and left the phone. The student claims that it was an accident.

Feb. 24 - Drug Violation - Four students of Prosser Hall were found in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The students have been referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 24 - Malicious Mischief - An athletic van suffered a slashed tire while in the Martin Luther parking lot.

Feb. 24 - Vandalism - A window at 2414 Chew Street was found broken with two cracks in it.

Feb. 24 - Injured Visitor -

A visitor of the College slipped on some ice.

Feb. 24 - Lost Property - A wallet with credit cards and a driver's license was stolen at Sig Ep.

Feb. 24 - Lost property - A Weekly editor's jacket was lifted at Sig Ep with her student ID and room key.

Feb. 24 - Vandalism - The paper dispenser in a bathroom of Taylor Hall was bashed and thrown to the ground.

Feb. 24 - Injured Student - A student of MacGregor suffered an eye laceration when he stumbled into a wall.

Feb. 25 - Trashing - A student trashed a stairwell in Trexler Pavilion by wiping strawberry shortcake on the wall.

Feb. 25 - Suspicious Vehicle - A freshman student driving a car was identified and referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 27 - Fire Safety Violation - A student was found burning incense in a room at 2235 Gordon Street.

Feb. 27 - Controlled Substance - Two students were found with marijuana and a pipe. The students have been referred to the Judicial Process. The stu-

dents also were fined for a fire safety violation because of a plastic bag over the smoke detector.

Feb. 27 - Vehicle Lockout - A student was locked out of a car at 17th and Liberty.

Feb. 28 - Injured Employee - A student injured her right ankle at the Life Sports Center. The student was treated at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Mar. 3 - Trashing - Trash was found strewn all throughout the hallway in Walz Hall. The trash was reportedly from a student in Walz.

Mar. 4 - False ID - A student was found with a false identification card and was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 5 - Lost or Stolen Keys - A set of keys to the Life Sports Center was lost. All the locks have been changed.

Mar. 9 - Maintenance Problem - A house at 2228 Gordon Street suffered "some water damage that was the result of water," said Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety.

Mar. 10 - Failure to comply - A student was advised not to have a vehicle on campus. The student was referred to the Judicial Process.

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was really scared. I was scared of what people would say."

She explained that she initially blamed herself for the situation. "I felt guilty because I felt that if I hadn't gotten drunk, none of that would have happened. A million what-ifs went through my mind. That's all that goes through your mind at the time. What if I hadn't done this or said this," she commented.

The following week, the victim filed a Jane Doe report.

"I still wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I saw what it did to people. I was feeling so guilty at that point because there were so many questions I couldn't answer because I couldn't remember anything," she said.

Once she decided to file a report with the school, "things happened really fast and really slow," she said. "I ended up having a complete breakdown that night and going to the hospital."

Six separate officials including a detective from APD, Crime Victims Council, doctors and Campus Safety questioned her. The victim was also given a rape exam while in the hospital.

She decided to file charges against the suspect.

After she left the hospital, "I sat at home for three weeks and had to defend myself every single time I talked to somebody that I thought was my friend. The people I thought were my friends were not my friends

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Alleged Assault Victim

at all. They're drinking buddies. You find out that you have a lot more drinking buddies than friends."

Along with losing several friends, the alleged victim also faced losing her sense of security on campus after the assault. "I'll never be able to go out and party and feel safe around the people I'm with," she explained. "I found out that it doesn't matter if you know them. It doesn't even matter if they know your boyfriend."

The reaction of the victim's friends was disheartening to her. "I've lost so many friends because people don't like to think that this kind of thing really happens, or else they've been through it...and because they didn't think of it as sexual assault and they didn't come forward, they thought that I should-

n't have come forward," she commented.

Now after the assault, "every guy that I see that's tall and has his [the suspect's] color hair is him in my mind," she said.

The Statistics

The College has experienced a higher rate of sexual assault on campus this year than usual.

According to Brenda Lakis, Campus Safety Officer and Sexual Assault Investigator, there have been six cases of sexual assault since September, as compared to

three cases total for last school year. She explained that in comparison to national statistics, "If you're just looking strictly at numbers and the size of our school... we've ranked a little high this year." She attributes the numbers to more victims coming forward rather than more assaults occurring.

While three of the victims this academic year have reported sexual assault to the College with intentions of pursuing with criminal charges, the three other victims filed Jane Doe reports, remaining anonymous. While information about the three Jane Doe reports cannot be released, the other three cases occurred in Sept. 2002, Oct. 2002 and Feb. 2003. The assaults occurred in an off-campus apartment, a residence hall and a fraternity house, respectively.

"I feel GHB is on campus"

While it is not widely suspected that date rape drugs were used in the most recent victim's case, college officials and the APD strongly suspect the use of date rape drugs on campus. According to Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, "There have been recent reports going

on. We have not proven any cases."

Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life said, "I feel GHB is on campus. We don't know where, though."

Detective Wendy Brantley from the Special Victims Unit of the APD has been investigating cases of sexual assault at the College. She suspects the use of date rape drugs at the College because of her findings of "girls passing out from drinking, which they say is not their norm. Suspects say they are conscious, but victims say they have no memory of it, which is a sign of date rape drugs."

Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, also noted the characteristics of date rape drug use on campus. "I've had women coming in exhibiting certain behaviors that they normally wouldn't. Last year, a freshman female was found wandering around barefoot in the middle of Martin Luther Blvd. with no idea how she got there. I believe that their drinks are being tampered with."

The College has not proven the use of date rape drugs on campus because of the difficulty in testing for the drugs. "It's a very expensive test, and it is a very difficult test. You have a very short window of opportunity to be tested," explained Lakis.

A victim must be tested within 24 hours to gain a positive result. Hospitals do not currently offer date rape drug testing in rape kits unless the test is specifically requested. According to Lakis, the Crime Victims Council and other organizations are working to make the test a standard part of the date rape kit.

The College does not currently test for traces of the date rape drug on any other sources of evidence. Lakis explained that because of the typically large time gap between when an assault occurs and when the victim reports the crime, evidence cannot be readily collected from the site of the assault. If, however, an assault was reported immediately, Campus Safety would "go down and get as much evidence as [we] possibly can," said Lakis.

Lakis also mentioned that Campus Safety does not have the right to search some of the buildings that the assaults occur in because the College does not own them. In these cases, she strongly urges the victim to allow APD involvement.

Potential Fraternity Involvement

Members of the College Community share a variety of opinions about the possible connection between fraternities and sexual

assault on campus. "The posture of the administration at this point is that the gender abuse is broader than fraternities," said James Steffy, Interim President. He urges that the College Community "[should not] type-caste fraternities".

According to Lakis, "I can tell you this much, I would say in the

"In the almost ten years I've been here, all but four sexual assaults that have occurred have been fraternity related."

Brenda Lakis, Campus Safety Officer

almost ten years I've been here, all but four sexual assaults that have occurred have been fraternity related." She explained that this means either the victim or suspect had been at a fraternity house at some point during the night of the assault. "At this campus, where do you go to drink? A fraternity," she said. "Most of the guys are good guys."

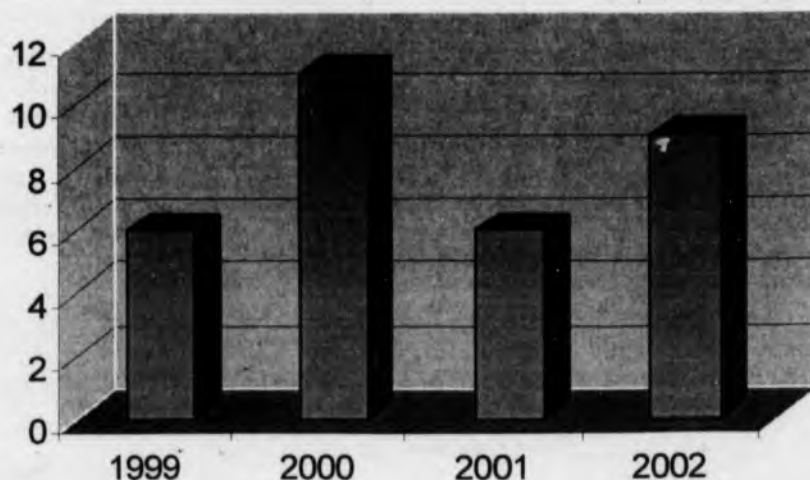
Kelly assented, "Here at the College, there is a link, not that all assaults happened in a Greek house, but that individuals were at some point at a Greek function."

However, according to Steffy, "The problem, in my judgement, should not be tied to fraternities. It can happen anywhere on this campus."

TKE is the first fraternity at the College to be suspended for sexual assault charges, though their suspension was also attributed to other charges including simple assault and drug violations.

Handling the situation

Beginning with extensive questioning, an alleged victim goes through a long process when pressing charges for sexual assault. According to the most recent alleged victim, "Campus Safety was wonderful. They're the ones through



The number of sexual assaults at the College from the years 1999 to 2002 have ranged from five cases to ten cases in a fiscal year.

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all of this that have completely stuck by me. Brenda [Lakis] has been amazing. My therapist was great. She was with me the whole time." The victim explained that she had a network of support from the College.

However, the victim's case was denied during the judicial process because there was not enough substantial evidence to convict the suspect. "I lost the hearing, so I obviously feel completely dicked over. I feel like [the hearing] was being treated the way it was because they wanted to keep it very hush-hush," she said. "They offered me to take a medical leave. They said I could switch to anywhere in housing. The dean was always there for me – bull like that... And honestly at the hearing, I feel like they had already made the decision before I walked in."

The victim explained that several witnesses were left out of testimony, and she felt that several important questions were never asked. "The fact that I take two medications that you're not supposed to drink with, nobody asked if I was on medication," she said.

According to the victim, the support system that she initially was provided by the College soon disappeared after the hearing. "I haven't heard from anyone since [the hearing]. All the comfort levels – that's gone," she explained. "I saw [the accused] the first day after the hearing, which was really nice." She did not feel she was given a fair hearing. "They said I would have the exact same rights as the accused. Not at all. They said I would be able to ask questions, and they dismissed every witness after he [the suspect] asked questions. There were things that I wanted to know for my own com-

"I feel like [the hearing] was being treated the way it was because they wanted to keep it very hush-hush."

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fort," she said. The victim is now pressing charges outside of the College, and an investigation by APD is underway.

Dr. Erika Sutherland, Assistant Professor of Spanish and member of

the Judicial Board explained that approximately less than five percent of sexual assault cases are won by the victim in court nationally. "Sanctions are actually better here, but when you're comparing to a number that is so low, [it is] a very sad thing," she said.

She remarked that she feels sexual assault should hold a greater consequence and should be taken more seriously than other crimes like

"Sanctions are actually better here, but when you're comparing to a number that is so low, [it is] a very sad thing."

Dr. Erika Sutherland,
Assistant Professor of Spanish

underage drinking in the judicial system. "The College in a sense should have a separate way of dealing with it. You can't play with it. It's not a game," Sutherland commented.

While Lakis believes the Judicial Board should have more legal training to deal with sexual assault cases, she also said that, "I think we have one of the better judicial systems in place. I think they are victim-friendly. We've really come a long way with that," she said.

The recent assault victim mentioned that "I had the privacy panel so I didn't have to look at him, even though he was sitting directly behind it." She was also grateful to have her boyfriend, Lakis and her therapist present during the hearing.

The College has several prevention programs to educate students about sexual assault, most of which focus on educating students during freshman orientation.

According to Lakis, educational programs are not always successful. "We can't force anybody to take it in," she said. A new Presidential Task Force is being formed to discuss what steps can be taken to improve prevention programs. A student-run Sexual Assault Support System Team has also been formed in conjunction with the

Counseling Center.

"The ultimate goal is to create a climate where this does not happen," said Sutherland.

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According to the College, several conditions will be placed on the house and residents including: changing the house's locks, complete College oversight of facility and occupants, a substance-free environment (any students of any age consuming or owning any alcohol in the house will face disciplinary actions), all fraternity memorabilia will be removed from common areas, no guests are permitted at any time without consent of the Associate Dean of Students, parties will not be permitted and there will be a live-in staff advisor.

According to Hurd, "one student has expressed interest in alternative housing."

In addition to the suspension of the fraternity, Hurd said that individuals were also facing judicial penalties.

These include three allegations of sexual assault and one alleged simple assault over the course of the 2002-2003 academic year. The outcomes of these hearings, however,

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office, even when students are away."

Robles said she chose to work at the College because "Muhlenberg has a history, it has a reputation. I was attracted to those things." She also commented, "When you have an administration as old as Muhlenberg and with a reputation, it's very stable." She also explained that economic pressures therefore would not have a large effect on the school.

This is not Robles' first registrar position. She was Registrar for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Before that, Robles was the Registrar's Associate and Tuition Assistance Program Coordinator and a Financial Aid Counselor at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, NY.

are confidential.

TKE is the second fraternity to be suspended by the College this year, the first this past Spring being the two-year suspension of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. When asked if the College was making a transition to eliminate fraternities from campus, Hurd replied, "There is definitely a place for fraternities on campus. We brought back DTD and PKT."

While the College has imposed all of the penalties the fraternity to this point, the fraternity could also face punishments from the TKE nationals.

Though contacted, the national branch of TKE failed to respond to any of *The Weekly's* inquiries by press time.

However, in regard to the College's allegations, Hurd said, "We talked to them [nationals] in February. They were not happy."

On Tuesday, the fraternity met with College officials to begin the appeals process. Due to confidentiality, the College could not comment on the meeting.

She holds a B.S. in International Marketing and an M.S.Ed. in Higher Education Administration. She explained that after working in the registrar's office at La Guardia for ten years, she realized that "you really have an opportunity to make an impact" in the Registrar's office. From there, she decided to work for her Masters in Higher Education Administration.

"This will be a different experience from both those institutions. I think there is a lot of structure here. I'm looking forward to that," said Robles. Currently, Robles is getting settled into the Registrar's office with the help of her staff and other members of the College Community. "They are making it possible for me to get assimilated. Everyone has stopped in... faculty and administration have wished me well. It's just nice to feel appreciated like that. It makes me feel that this is the best decision I ever made," she said.

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"I think the policy is ridiculous," said Mike Loughlin, '05. Loughlin was denied Off Campus housing but is appealing the decision. "This is an institution that is supposed to give responsibility and promote maturation to young adults... This whole dilemma is causing problems for everyone and the sole motive behind it is cash and to ensure that we are considered a residential school... The caring college seems more concerned with making money than caring about the growth of its students." However, those who were denied Off Campus housing still have the opportunity to live outside the dorms: MILE house applications are due tomorrow, Friday, March 14.

The MILE house selection process is similar to that of Off Campus housing. Students must have the minimum 2.5 GPA

and be in good judicial standing; however, according to Bova, "This does not mean we deny students with one and sometimes two violations."

Beyond the initial eligibility requirements, there is no ranking system, meaning a group of four students with a 3.5 average could receive a lower number than a group with a 2.5 average, and therefore be denied a MILE house.

Rising seniors are considered before rising juniors. A group of four seniors would receive first preference followed by three seniors and one junior, two seniors and two juniors, one senior and three juniors and a group composed entirely of juniors would be given last preference.

Rising sophomores are not eligible for MILE houses. Including apartments, there are seventy-four total properties, although Bova noted that some will be used for staff and group interest housing.

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"Life is painting a picture, not creating a sum."

-Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPRING BREAK MEMORY?



"Clubbing in Panama City Beach with my friends."

-Alice McGrail '04



"Screaming my head off on every single ride at Disney World."

-Abby Thompson '03



"Earning my beads at Mardi Gras."

-Amanda Phillips '05



"One would have to remember Spring Break."

-Rachel Schatz '04

COMPILED BY JOANNA BZIK

Private Eyes: A crafty, intriguing play to open March 21st



While in character, Leah Goldstein and Robble Saenz de Viteri lean in for a kiss in this spring comedy.

PHOTO BY EVAN LEVINE

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

In playwright Steven Dietz's quirky comedy *Private Eyes*, the marriage of two actors is threatened when the wife becomes involved in an affair with her director. Wait a minute — are they only playing a couple in a play within the play? And who is sleeping with whom? Furthermore, who is this waitress that constantly casts a menacing glare? This is one show that is sure to stump even the craftiest and most attentive of theatergoers.

The play follows Lisa (Leah Goldstein '05) and Matthew (Robbie Saenz de Viteri '04), a married couple who is rehearsing for a play with their director Adrian (Guy Newman '04), about — what else — marital infidelity. Scenes traverse

between the group's rehearsals and real life plots, where the mysterious Cory (Dana Iannuzzi '03) continuously appears. Following the shifting and warping of time proves to be a daunting task, but it is one that the actors portray with a great understanding

of the demanding script. To make things even more baffling, there is the character of Frank (Mia Scarpa '04), who acts as Matthew's therapist. One of the production's greatest aspects is the conversations that Frank carries on with the audience, an innovative technique to help draw them deeper into the minds of the cast.

Private Eyes will be performed in the Studio Theater in Trexler Pavilion from March 21 through March 30. The show may confuse some at first, but that is exactly the intention of director Laura Feliciani. With this show, Feliciani directs her first full-length main stage production. As each scene unfolds before your eyes you may honestly think that you have the plot understood, but it takes only minutes to realize that everything you thought you knew might not be true after all. Even when the play finally concludes, one might not be sure of what exactly has occurred, but then again, isn't that the purpose?



Leah Goldstein as Lisa, Guy Newman as Adrian and Robble Saenz de Viteri as Matthew combine to make this twisting show both engaging and playful.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Freshman Flava tastes "mmm mmm good:" The class of 2006 shows of their many varying talents

By JOHN DUNPHY
Weekly Staff Writer

Muhlenberg College is known for many things. It has an extremely high med-school acceptance rate, it promotes numerous innovative theater styles and also gives an incredible liberal arts education. However, it also hosts some of the most talented young people today: the Class of 2006.

Just before spring break, the freshman Student Council hosted a coffee house which it entitled "Freshman Flava." Essentially it was a chance for all freshmen to show off their talents in front of their friends and anyone else who wanted to watch. While they played, audience members could sip coffee and nibble cookies as they enjoyed the atmosphere.

The event was the brainchild of freshman Student Council members Hilary Bowman and Lisa Kowalski.

"We wanted to show off the freshman as well as

bring out some of the diversity within our class," stated Bowman. With this reasoning, Student Council set about gathering performers and people to watch.

Publicity was incredible. Flyers were everywhere, and if that wasn't enough, some Student Council members had even gone door-to-door in the freshman dorms in order to ensure that there would be a turn-out. All a performer had to do was either sign up in Seegers or simply call Bowman, whose number was on the flyers. There was no audition required and all that was asked was that they keep their acts no longer than ten minutes. The show opened up with a number from the Soul Sound Steppers.

According to Bowman, this was one more step in bringing out the diversity of the class. Numbers ranged from bands to solos. Students chose to play guitar, and the wide variety of music that was played was phenomenal. "Everyone likes to see different

things," quoted Bowman.

One performer, Katie "K.C." Colcord, loved the opportunity to play in front of an audience. "Hilary talked to me about performing, and I love doing it." Colcord has been playing the guitar since her junior year in high school. The song she played was her own creation entitled "Friend of Then (The You that Got Away)." She says that the whole experience was "really, really fun."

All in all, the freshman class was pleased and entertained. Many performers don't belong to the band or choir but still love to perform. This gave those unique individuals an outlet to show their fellow classmates that they are more than meets the eye.

"Hopefully, we'll have another coffee house in the spring," said Bowman. "No promises, but we would like to possibly hold one outside even." Any other attempts at putting something like this together will be extremely successful.



K.C. Colcord performed her original piece "Friend of Then (The You that Got Away)" at Freshmen Flava on Feb. 23.

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Old School exposes frat life, among other things...

By RACHEL SCHATZ
Life! Editor

Full frontal nudity. Kegs and pledging. Tiki torches, Hawaiian shirts and beer. No, this is not a description of SigEp's annual Beach Bash. Packing the Lehigh Valley movie theaters full of Muhlenberg students like a can of kosher sardines, a new post-teenage comedy captures and mimics the youthful (and elderly) tomfoolery of fraternity life. Starring Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn and the cute Wilson brother, *Old School* embodies the lifestyle that every frat boy wants...ten years after college.

Old School centers around three best-buds' kooky idea to freshen all the perks of fraternity life like girls, booze and Snoop Dogg. Almost a decade after their partying days of yore, Frank (Will Ferrell) marries an ice-queen control freak, Beanie (Vince Vaughn) sells out to fatherhood and HiFi

stereos and Mitch's (Wilson's) L.A. girlfriend abandons him for more exciting adventures in sexual deviance.

To counter the calm and mundaneness that fill their lives, the three former delinquents team up, start a frat, recruit pledges and begin hazing of any and every college student, working-class stiff and elderly bench-dweller that wants a piece of action and free alcohol. After some fun with ladies' stockings, streaking and KY Jelly, the former-tormented-wuss-turned-Dean of the College (Jeremy Piven whom the trio lovingly calls "The Cheese") revokes the frat's charter, and the brotherhood must defend its dignity in the academic and community arenas.

Old School is full of deceit, death, stamina, tolerance, love and, most importantly, rings of fire and cement blocks tied to the end of your...well, you can figure it out.

Upon first glance from the previews, *Old School's* humor appears base, shallow and toilet-based. Sure, the film's entertainment value derives directly from slap-stick antics. Yet the movie portrays the exhilaration of social experiences common to party-goers and college students past and present: seeing a live band, wearing the plastic beer-soaked Hawaiian necklaces and embracing a one-night hook up (even though your partner may still be slightly underage and a high school cheerleader).

Basically, anyone who has laughed at a fart joke or been to college in the past 50 years can relate to this movie. The middle-aged yet full-of-life main characters show defiance and dedication to enjoying life and just having a good time. Stinted by classic 80s tunes and gasp-drawing cameos by Seann William Scott as a

Carmine's Restaurant is delicioso

By AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Nestled among the shops and eateries on Union Boulevard is a golden nugget of an Italian restaurant. Carmine's Restaurant is well worth the ten minute drive for its delectable food and reasonable prices.

Upon driving up to Carmine's, it doesn't look like much. The exterior is stucco ivory, and it appears as plain as can be. The outside of the restaurant is distinguishable from other buildings only by its neon sign and icicle-style Christmas lights.

Once inside, one is greeted by welcoming hostesses. The staff overall is friendly, and although a bit hard to understand due to their heavy Italian accents, they are attentive to every customer's needs. It is easy to get seated, especially on weekday nights. And with the speedy service, it is quite possible to get in, eat a great meal and get out quickly.

Garlic bread is served with every meal; the bread itself is moaningly delicious. The rolls themselves are huge, flaky and are easy to pull apart. They are smothered with butter and plentiful chunky, fresh garlic pieces. Salad or soup are also served with entrees, and the soup is quite rich and hearty. On one particular night, two soups were offered: tortellini and pasta fagioli. Others kinds of Italian soup are



Carmine's festive logo.

PHOTO BY AMANDA PHILLIPS

Diner, you so crazy! Hamilton Family Restaurant serves fun, fries and feast

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

With its true non-smoking section and vast menu, Hamilton Family Restaurant, more commonly known as Ham Fam, may not seem like a typical diner. With its little extras added here and there and its college-student-friendly atmosphere, Ham Fam serves as a model for other diners to follow and is a great hang out for late night food runs.

The diner is divided in several large sections and is decorated in a natural wood and burgundy motif. Bunches of relatively realistic looking fake flowers hang on the walls. Rachel Schatz described the atmosphere as "warm and comforting like my mother's womb."

The waitress arrived quickly to take orders, and despite her rather comical



You can find the bright neon lights of the Hamilton Family Restaurant studding Hamilton Boulevard.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

use of the term "vegible," she was bright, cheery and attentive. Upon looking at the menu, it was discovered that both soup AND salad came with the diner meals. When meals were ordered,

dressings were of standard quality and contained very crisp vegetables. Matt Meyers dubbed the dressing "yummy." The soup was delicious, and the bread was fresh.

the salad, soup and entrees arrived in a perfectly timely fashion, allowing enough time between courses. A basket of bread and crackers was served in addition to the meals. This is a rarity at diners, and was much appreciated.

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The salads and

However, Ham Fam is about more than appetizers. Meyers ordered a chicken finger basket that came complete with French fries. He described his meal as "scrumdiddilyumptious." Meyers also added that, "fried food always helps a hangover," which is a good bonus. He rated his meal as an 8 out of 10.

Dave Sobotkin

ordered a One sweet member of the friendly Ham Fam Hamilton waitress removes a chocolatey cake from the Burger, dessert case. HamFam's desserts are to-die-for. which consisted of "an arm of beef, lettuce, tomato, bacon, mushrooms...[and finally] a coronary." The burger was apparently worth the artery clogging. The serving size was "easily enough for two meals or one fat person," said Sobotkin. He rated his meal a whopping 9.5.

Eggplant parmesan proved to also be a huge amount of food since it was served with spaghetti. While overall the meal was tasty, the eggplant was quite tough. It rated a 7.5.

Jess Skrocki ordered a chicken salad sandwich on whole wheat toast. Even though sandwiches do not come with soup and salad, it was a "generous portion." Skrocki stated that "the chicken salad was very pureed, which is what I happen to like," but others might not feel that way. Overall, the sandwich was "very good for what it was." She rated it an 8.

Rachel Schatz ordered an omelet. After finishing her meal, she exclaimed, "it was so good, you can actually taste the ingredients." Her omelet was chock-full of cheese, eggs, spinach and mushrooms in the perfect distribution. She also noted that there was "nice fluffy, warm wheat toast with the perfect amount of butter." She rated it a perfect 10.



One sweet member of the friendly Ham Fam Hamilton waitress removes a chocolatey cake from the Burger, dessert case. HamFam's desserts are to-die-for.

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The server was very good overall, and she remained attentive despite the busy time of day; she had several tables to serve during the 6 p.m. dinner rush. She received a 9.5 out of 10 for a speediness and accuracy.

While, as Skrocki said, "[the waitresses] are more concerned with keeping people happy than sweeping the floor," Ham Fam was still fairly clean. It received a 7.5 for overall cleanliness.

In general, Ham Fam is "more expensive than other diners, but you get so much more food," Schatz proclaimed. The total cost for five people came to \$32.55, but it is important to note that full dinners were ordered as opposed to cheaper, more breakfast-type foods. The omelet cost \$6.00, the burger was \$5.50 and the overflowing chicken salad sandwich was a bargain at \$3.65.

Added bonuses at Ham Fam include a bakery carousel, amazing cupcakes and cookies in another bakery window and several video games. All in all, even if all you want is a giant cookie and a place to hang out at 2 a.m., Ham Fam is the way to go.

Overall rating for service, cleanliness, and taste: 8.57.

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An event caught in time: The Rebel Saints jam in the Red Door



Matt McLaughlin '04 concentrates on his guitar riffs during the concert on Feb. 26.

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John Simolike. In addition to the three College students in Rebel Saints, adds a layer of vocals.

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From left, Rebel Saints guitarist Steve DeMeo '04, John Simolike and Matt McLaughlin '04. Not pictured is Mike Fraclose '04 on drums.

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Chicago's dazzling dancing blows audiences away

BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly Staff Writer

Chicago sizzles. There's just something about Jazz, liquor and sex. It's a fabulous production; wonderful entertainment in the grand history of lavish cinema. Here is a plot summary for those not familiar with the story: after Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger) shoots her lover she finds herself in the Cook County Jail with the six merry murderesses, women who have killed their lovers. Among the six is famous jazz singer Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones), in prison for shooting her cheating husband and sister. The two compete for fame and fortune in the three-ring circus that is 1920s Chicago.

Chicago the movie is a musical based on Bob Fosse's musical *Chicago*, and director Rob Marshall has done an excellent job adapting the theater show to the movie screen. With the exception of the opening and closing numbers, most of the song and dance sequences take place in Roxie's mind.

Zellweger is great. She simpers and struts, and

while she may be the soul of the movie, Zeta-Jones steals the show. Her opening number, "All that Jazz," is smoking. She sings, she dances, she vamps and she's phenomenal. Give her the Golden Globe, the Oscar and anything else she wants.

Richard Gere plays Billy Flynn, the scheming lawyer who has never lost a case when representing a woman. As he explains, "if Jesus Christ lived in Chicago today, and he had five thousand dollars, let's just say things would have turned out differently." Gere sings and plays the lawyer well. His moment to shine is the tap-dance number during Roxie's murder trial.

Queen Latifah is Mama Morton, the prison matron. Boy, she can belt it out; she has some pipes. "When You're Good to Mama" is hot. Even John C. Reilly, as Amos, Roxie's neglected husband, is dynamite. The only understated performance in the glitzy picture, Reilly is front and center for his number, "Mr. Cellophane." He evokes the Little Tramp as he explains "you can look right through

me, walk right by me and never know I'm there."

While it would be nearly impossible to pick a favorite number, "The Cell Block Tango," when the murderesses explain what provoked them to murder, would have to be at the top of the list. It's brilliant. The women, including Zeta-Jones and Mya, dressed all in black, carry red handkerchiefs symbolizing the murders. The red is revealed at the end of each verse as the women explain how their men came to an end. For example, Zeta-Jones says she was in such a shock when she found her sister and husband together that it wasn't until she was washing the blood off her hands she even realized they were dead. As she sings, she opens her palms revealing the red scarves. It's a great thematic link.

The only weak aspect of *Chicago* is sound editing. Sometimes, the actors' mouths don't match the sounds, most noticeable as Zellweger slouches around the piano singing about her "Funny Honey" hubby. Despite the occasional audio distraction, *Chicago* is magnificent: A+.

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mullet-sporting cattle tamer and Craig Kilborn as the not-so-far-fetched playboy with perfect hair, *Old School* rivals *PCU* (also with Jeremy Piven, as a frat president rather than Dean) from the early 90s.

In addition to its pleasantly dumb and even satirical humor, movie-going audiences get to see one side of Will Ferrell never before presented on *SNL*. Whether that side wants to be viewed is still up to debate. In addition to funneling beer and defying his wife, Ferrell himself appears fully naked, but don't let this deter you from seeing the movie. It's true that Ferrell's beastly sex appeal rivals that of Ron

Jeremy's and Rodney Dangerfield's circa 1985, yet his nakedness is surprisingly not totally aversive. In the context in which he streaks, Hollywood has yet again succeeded in glorifying the grotesque and making middle-aged nudity funny as hell.

All in all, *Old School* is so stupid that one cannot help but to laugh and laugh. This farce proves that such sorrows and vices as statutory rape, single parenthood, infidelity and divorce can simply be remedied by a swift swig from a beer funnel and a hippopotamus tranquilizer dart. With its tagline of "all the fun of college, none of the education," *Old School* emerges as the updated *Animal House* of the new millennium.

Are you a "girl gone wild," or do you know of any? Then write for Life!

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horoscopes

By Mama Schatz and Miss Philli D'Vine and The Beatles

Aries

"We all live in a yellow submarine." Housing jitters strike again! You have to decide if that evil troll or super-sweetheart will again be your roommate. Make of list of pros and cons. Do you find your new shoes tattered and covered in some mysterious green goo even before you have worn them? If so, then maybe it's time to apply for a single far, far away from people. Maybe somewhere in East near the corner turn...

Taurus

"You were only waiting for this moment to arrive." The acceptances are flying in from the professional schools. Who knew that the Ivy League would take an interest in your aspirations to be a competitive underwater basket weaver? Accept the praise with open arms, and treat yourself in some celebratory activities.

Gemini

"Will you still feed me when I'm 64?"

You doubt your friends' loyalty. You always buy them kinky presents and bake anchovy cakes for their birthdays, but you wonder if they'd put in the same loving effort for you. Time away from your friends can be time well spent. If that doesn't work, you can find newer, cooler friends. Well, you can try.

Cancer

"I get by with a little help from my friends." You and your friends yearn to wreak havoc in the dorms and throw your hall-mates for a curveball. Put some chairs in the elevator. Put some shaving cream in their Cool Whip containers. Do anything, but do it with your friends so you don't have to take the rap alone.

Leo

"Hey Jude, refrain...don't carry the world upon your shoulders." After a relaxing spring break, you're back to the daily grind. This week has left you exhausted, overwhelmed and frazzled.

It's okay for you to take it easy this weekend. Sleep in or dine on jellybeans for dinner. It does a body good.

Virgo

"Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away..." Your hitting a rough spot. You're brother crashed your nearly-new 1987 ghetto-cruising Chevy, your dog bit your armpit and your great-Aunt Bertha sat on your Michael Jackson History album, shattering it into seven pathetic slivers of monumental 80s music. But all your troubles will blow over.

Libra

"Sounds of laughter, shades of earth are ringing through my open eyes, inciting and inviting me." This time is the best time of your life! You get invited to every party and everyone slips you numbers and screen names. You are swayed every which way by all these flatteries, but make sure you don't give too many people too much hope. Settle on the most eligible taker and go crazy mad nuts in every way.

Scorpio

"Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be...all you need is love." So you didn't get that summer research on the mating rituals of bottle-nosed dolphins and baby beluga whales. Your time in college is going fast, so savor the good times you spend with your friends. Like Mr. Lennon says, all you need is love.

Sagittarius

"I am the eggman, they are the eggmen, I am the walrus, goo goo goo joob." Honey, you're confused. How can you be the eggman and others also be eggmen? It's just not possible. You're either the eggman or the walrus, but you can't have your cake and eat it too. Choose who you want to be and go with it.

Capricorn

"Tomorrow will rain, so I'll follow the sun." You are quite antsy with the blistering winds. Spring is right around the corner, and Spring is the perfect time of year to shoot speeding bullets of blue enamel at your

best friend's eye sockets. That's right kids, it's paint-ball time!

Aquarius

"Cause I don't care too much for money, and money can't buy me love." Is that the refrain you hear from every girl you try to impress with your Jean-Paul Gautier caviar cologne? Even though the hotties on Joe Millionaire pay more attention to the "Millionaire" than the "Joe," sweeties here at the 'Berg want more than just a wallet and jingling change. Personality is all; wow them with your non-store-bought charm for once.

Pisces

"Picture yourself in a boat on a river with tangerine trees and marmalade skies." That tropical cruise has left you with your head in the clouds. You gulped sweet daiquiris, paraded your Jimmy Buffet parrot-head visor and sported your sparkling purple Mardi Gras beads (at times that may be all you sported...). The 'Berg is a far way from the islands, so leap down from Cloud 9 and get back to reality.



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offered nightly.

An added bonus, free wine also comes with the meal since Carmine's has no liquor license. If a group would like to have beer and cocktails with their dinner, they are going to have to bring their own drinks. However, for a simple night on the town, a serving of wine is just fine, especially since it's free.

While waiting for the food to arrive, it is easy to appreciate the atmosphere at Carmine's. The walls are simply decorated in pastel floral wallpaper, and the lighting is soft and dim, creating a comfortable, soothing atmosphere. Sprightly Italian music plays in the background, and on certain days a traditionally Italian live accordionist serenades diners.

The main courses arrive in a very timely manner,

and are huge in portion. The chicken parmesan filled an entire dinner plate, and an individual serving of pasta is enough for two, if not three diners to share. Although not arranged in the most beautiful fashion, the food looks appealing enough and smells savory and delicious. The gnocchi, a solid, shell-shaped pasta made of potato flour, is especially tasty and leads the diner to want to consume way beyond what is normal stomach capacity. The tomato sauce is thick and sweet and perfectly compliments any dish.

It would be impossible for nearly anyone to finish a serving of pasta at Carmine's, but if one does not eat enough, he or she should not be surprised if the waiter asks if he or she was satisfied. One particularly friendly waiter was so

willing to please that he offered to bring an entire new meal since one diner only consumed a third of her enormous entrée. Be sure to assure the waiter that the meal was satisfying, just too large to consume in one sitting.

If nothing else, Carmine's must be recommended for its value. A dinner for two including beverages, soup, garlic rolls and two entrees costs about \$25.00, and that is a good deal indeed, especially since there are sure to be leftovers. In fact, since Carmine's is so inexpensive, dessert might even be a possibility. Carmine's has a variety of cakes and other treats on display in a dessert case, and if they are as good as the rest of the food at this Italian eatery, then they are worth a try.

Overall, Carmine's is highly recommended for its embracing atmosphere and great food. Bon appetito.

Kessler gives \$100,000 to renovation project

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg College coaches' suite in the soon-to-be renovated Life Sports Center will be named for Mel Kessler, Class of 1959. Kessler, who is retired and resides on Long Island, recently donated \$100,000 to the renovation project taking place this spring.

As a student at Muhlenberg, Kessler was the captain of the 1958-59 men's varsity basketball team and also scored more than 1,000 career points.

Currently, he ranks seventh in Muhlenberg basketball history in season points, holding the record with 478 points in the 1958 season. He also holds the all time record for average points per game (21.7, 1958), second in free throws in one season (172, 1958) and remains at the top of Muhlenberg's all time recorder of rebounds in one season (331, 1958). In Kessler's senior season, he

was named to the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania Second Team, Eastern College Athletic Conference All Division I Team, and All Middle Atlantic Conference Division I Team. He was also a member of the twenty-first Muhlenberg mens basketball team to record 10+ wins in a season.

Immediately following his graduation in 1959, Kessler moved on to coach the varsity high school basketball team at Nazareth High School, Pa. He then took a coaching and teaching job at Valley Stream (N.Y.) High School.

After several years he was offered an executive teaching and coaching opportunity at Wantagh High School on Long Island.

Upon his departure from Wantagh High School in the spring of 1967, Kessler was named New York Daily News Coach of the Year. Kessler then continued on to accept a varsity basketball coaching position at the University of New

Haven.

In 1971, Kessler accepted his final job opportunity as an employee at Merrill Lynch. During his years at Merrill Lynch, Kessler was named both a vice president in 1982, and continued on to become first vice president in 1998. After slightly more than thirty years, Kessler retired from Merrill Lynch in December of 2001.

The construction on the Life Sports Center is scheduled to commence in May, and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2004.

The renovation to the Center will include a recreation and fitness and weight training center, a new health and counseling center, coaches' offices, suites and additional locker rooms.

Providing expanded office space for both the men's and women's basketball coaches, the Mel Kessler Basketball Suite is expected to be an incredible asset to both teams and the entire facility.

Last Week's Results

Baseball

March 5 - Mules vs. King's (Pa.), 6-4

March 6 - Mules vs. Becker, 11-13

Mules vs. Mount St. Mary's (Md.), 3-7

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March 5 - Mules vs. Goshen, 3-5

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recording three goals and tying a career high with nine ground balls. Within these three goals, she scored two back-to-back (both unassisted) only twenty five seconds apart.

Freshman Courtney Tapkas recorded two goals in her second collegiate performance. Her second goal was the last Muhlenberg goal, occurring with thirteen minutes left to play. Freshman Shannon Donohue led the Mules in assists, finishing with two assists and a goal. Senior Lynsey Caldwell also recorded a goal and an assist, which both occurred during the first half.

Other Muhlenberg goals were scored by Jessica Geiger with two, and Christa Carlstrand who also contributed by adding one goal.

Next Week's Schedule

Saturday Baseball

Mules vs. Rochester
at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse
Mules vs. Eastern
at 1:00 p.m.

Monday
Baseball
Mules at Moravian
at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Men's Tennis
Mules at Elizabethtown
at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Softball
Mules vs. New Jersey
at 3:00 p.m.

Baseball
Mules vs. Wilkes
at 3:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
Mules vs. Montclair State
at 4:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Mules at Swarthmore
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Men's baseball team took the Florida heat as an advantage winning six of the nine contests

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

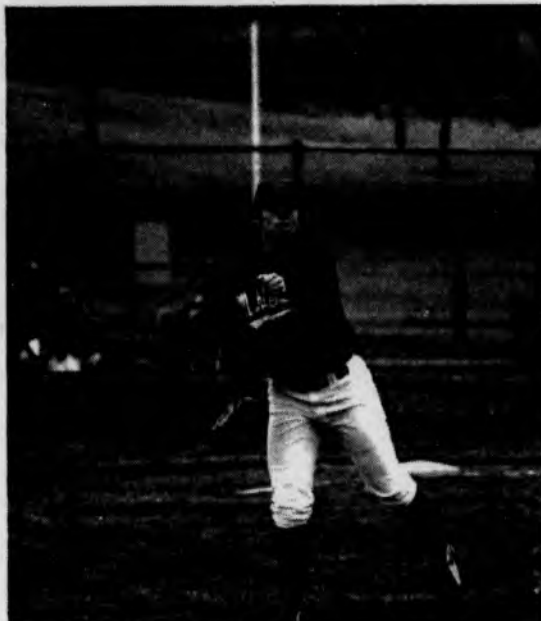
The men's baseball team played their hardest in 80-90 degree weather in Homestead, Fla. this past week. The Mules won six of the nine games they played in the tournament.

Junior Chris O'Connor and Senior Kevin Komeshok combined on a seven-hitter to lead the Mules' triumph over 2002 National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA) national champion Bethel (Ind.), 5-3.

O'Connor scattered six hits over the first seven innings and Komeshok pitched a scoreless eighth and ninth inning to pick up his eighth career save.

The Mules scored in the first inning when Senior Justin Graf was walked, stole second and then scored on an error. In the second, Freshman Matt Tobia and Senior Steve Rohn had back-to-back doubles and a single by Sophomore Aaron Regensburg which made it 3-0.

With a closing run by the Pilots, Tobia had a bases-loaded walk in the fifth,



Junior Chris O'Connor throws a fast ball down the line.

MUHLBERG WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

making the score 4-2. Junior Joel Rush took home the final run with a seventh inning sacrifice fly, which gave them the win.

On March 4, the baseball team took a victory over Madonna, 13-7. The team was nearly defeated until the last two innings where they scored an impressive seven runs. The Mules reached double digits in runs for the third time in

four games they played while they were in the sunny state.

In the seventh inning an RBI single by Junior Adam Sadler took the team to a 7-6 lead. The team then found themselves with bases loaded once Senior

Justin Rubenstein was hit by a pitch, forcing him to take a base. The Mules' six-run rally ended their fear of defeat, which then led to doubles by Senior Matt Long and Senior Justin Graf, with four stolen bases. Freshmen relief pitchers

Chad Hegstrom and Matt Cooper were essential late in the game. Hegstrom pitched greatly under pressure in the sixth and seventh to receive his first career win. Cooper pitched a 1-2-3 in the eighth before he recieved an unearned run in the ninth inning.

On March 5, the Mules took on King's, winning their third consecutive contest, 6-4. Major highlights were Senior Justin Graf setting a school record with six stolen bases and Justin Rubenstein recording his 100th career hit. With their 4-1 record, the Mules were off to their strongest start since 1978.

Sophomore Gregg Burkhart allowed only four Conference season home

hits and struck out a career-high eleven in seven innings to gain the win. Senior Kevin Komeshok went into the game in the ninth with a runner on third and required only two pitches to mark his second save of the season.

The Mules took off in the fourth on an RBI triple by Sophomore Matt Long and Rubenstein's two-run single. Rubenstein singled in the seventh to become the 22nd player in team history to reach the 100th mark in hits. Graf's six steal broke the school record of four set three times previously. He has nine steals in five games this season.

The baseball team will play home against Rochester on Saturday.



Mule baseball player hits one out into the field.

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Softball fares well at Rebel Spring Games Berg becomes 15th member of 100-hit club

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

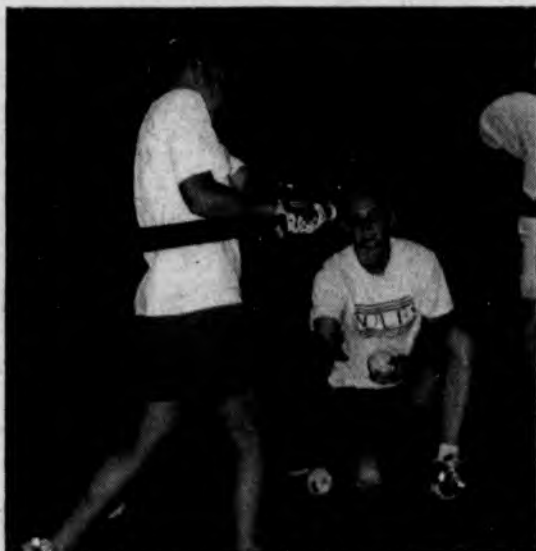
The Muhlenberg softball team finished with a win and a loss at the Rebel Spring Games in Florida, which started on March 3. The Mules lost 5-1 to Washington, and defeated Heidelberg, 8-1.

Junior Danielle DeLucia entered the game in the top of the fourth in the Heidelberg game and batted in a run as part of the Mules' six-run rally. DeLucia also pitched the final three innings and enabled Heidelberg to earn a mere two hits and one run. Junior Becki Toth went 5-for-8 for the day, and scored two runs against Heidelberg.

The second half of

the Rebel Spring Games took place on Thurs., March 6, as the Muhlenberg softball team lost games to both Widener and John Carroll.

The Mules, finishing with a 1-6 record, were led by Senior Kelly Berg, who became the 15th member of the 100-hit club.



Junior Nicole Sarno swings for a pitch at practice.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

In a game, Berg hit a triple first inning and scored a run in the third, recording Muhlenberg's lone run. Her 100th hit, however, was a single and occurred at the end of the third-inning. Senior Kristen Best had a pair of hits in the game. Junior Jackie Maser led the Mules with a .400 batting average on the Florida trip, while Junior Becki Toth hit .360 and recorded three stolen bases.

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and I am very excited about having the opportunity to work there."

Erber also represented Muhlenberg at the national level, serving on the NCAA Amateurism Task Force since 1999 and the NCAA Wrestling Sports Committee since 2001. In August 2002, he was the only Division III athletic director invited to testify before the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Collegiate Athletics.

Erber states, "Muhlenberg is a great place to be and a school that is held in very high regard by all who have had the good fortune to be associated with the College."

His goals at the College were to provide a climate which will allow the student-athletes at the College

to rise to the top of the Centennial Conference and become competitive nationally in a significant number of programs. He also wished to continue to attract and graduate student-athletes who are well rounded and prepared to take on challenging opportunities and inevitably obtain successful occupations. The College will soon begin a nation-wide search to fulfill the Director of Athletics position as soon as possible.

A graduate of Penn State University in 1965, Erber also obtained the State University of New York Athletic Conference Distinguished Service Award and the Conference's highest honor in 1996.

With several years of contribution to the College Erber has decided to move on to new horizons. He will start by moving back to New York where he started out at Binghamton University.

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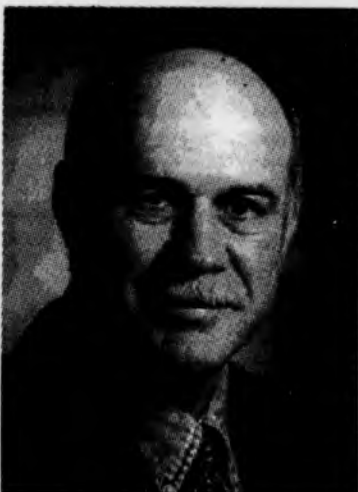
Director of Athletics, Steve Erber, resigns after several years of dedication

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

After serving the College community for his over six years, Director of Athletics Steve Erber has announced his resignation which will be effective March 31. Erber has accepted the position of Associate Director of Athletics at Cornell University. Appointed on Nov. 1, 1996, Erber assisted in the great success of the College's twenty-two sport varsity intercollegiate athletics program for almost seven years.

"Steve made dramatic improvements to Muhlenberg's athletic programs in every area," said Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg. "He was always an ardent advocate for our

scholar-athletes and a great ambassador for Muhlenberg College." In Erber's career at the College there has been several additions, the Scotty Wood Stadium, AstroTurf



Steve Erber - Former Director of Athletics.

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facility and also added two more varsity sports, women's golf and men's lacrosse. The College, as well, has won Centennial Conference championships in nine different sports and sent teams or individuals to the NCAA Division III Championships in twelve sports.

"Muhlenberg is a terrific place, and, for me, it is always the people that make it so," said Erber. "We have an excellent coaching and support staff that has attracted quality student-athletes. That's what has enabled us to build a successful program. I hope the program is at least a little better than it was when I arrived here. Cornell is a great school,

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The College's campus black out didn't stop the electricity in the men's lacrosse team

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

Even though there was a campus wide power outage during the game, electricity was not what the men's lacrosse team needed to keep them pumped. The Mules started off their season with two consecutive wins led by a young team.



A men's lacrosse player cradles the ball up the field.

MUHLENBERG WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

The Mules (2-0) were headed by Freshman John Westendorf, scoring nine of the goals during the contest against SUNY Farmingdale, 21-4, and adding two assists. The team made an impressive gain of setting two school records, most goals scored and greatest margin of victory. These records were previously set in a 19-6 contest against Stevens Tech in 1975.

Three of the goals in this game were scored in the first two minutes of play. Freshman Dave Armstrong scored the first goal, assisted on the second and ended the game with three goals. Teammate Freshman Kevin Kessler recorded his first career hat trick; three of his four goals were scored in the first quarter.

Adding to the scoring was Sophomore Justin Saverine, Freshman Mike O'Malley and Galen Marsh each with two goals apiece. Saverine had two assists and led the team in ground balls for the second consecutive game with a tally of eleven and also won fifteen of twenty-one face-offs as well.

Freshman Ryan Long and Justin Hollander added with six ground balls each. The Mules had an essential advantage in shots (50-10) and with ground balls (59-22). Also contributing with saves was Freshman Joe LaBella with two and

Women's lacrosse falls to Drew University last weekend

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team lost a close game to 15th ranked Drew (1-0) over spring break. The

Mules (1-1) were ahead by two goals, but the Rangers scored three goals with ten minutes to play to win the game 11-10.



Sophomore Christa Carlstrand tries to get past a teammate at practice.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Muhlenberg, who was ahead all game until the Rangers game-winning goal with 4:35 on the clock, was led by Sophomore Diana Bleakley.

Bleakley totaled twenty-one saves to keep the Mules on top for the duration of the match. This match marked her fourth career game with at least 20 saves.

Senior Sarah Bowman also had an outstanding game,

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Sophomore Mark Whitlock with one as well Freshman James Robinson with two assists.

The Mules have had a great start to what looks to be an incredible season. They will be starting their Centennial Conference season this week.

They will be hitting the field again at home this week against King's on Wednesday.

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Presidential task force to combat sexual assault

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

With the recent increase in sexual violence that has swept across campus this year, Interim President James Steffy has taken action and formed a Presidential Task Force to design an action plan to battle the increase in assault cases at the College. The action plan, which will come in the form of a recommendation from the Task Force, is designed to educate the Campus Community about this behavior and also prevent future assaults.

The Task Force that will recommend this action plan will be made up of a variety of personnel including students, staff, faculty, parents, alumni and trustees. Letters were sent out to individuals of the College Community requesting involvement in the Task Force.

On Feb. 13, after allegations of Tau

Kappa Epsilon's (TKE) recent involvement in sexual assault cases reached, Steffy released a memorandum to the community discussing the recent establishment of his Task Force. Steffy explained that although the College understands that there is an increase in this type of assault at colleges and universities across the country, the College will not tolerate such action. He affirmed, "they are unacceptable and violate everything the College stands for."

The Task Force of carefully selected individuals, to be chosen by Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg and Steffy is expected to meet several times before making a recommendation. Steffy hopes the recommendation will be made by the end of April.

According to Ehrenberg, "there will be a series of meetings" on the matter

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Underwear and signs decorate Parents Plaza in celebration of Women's Week on campus.

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Women's Week events commence on campus

BY JILLIAN FRANZEN
Weekly News Writer

In addition to the underwear hanging in Parents Plaza, an abundance of colorful posters and fliers decorated campus this week, publicizing Women's Week 2003. The Week was sponsored by Students Advocating Gender Equality (S.A.G.E.) and the Women's Studies Program, in addition to the Counseling Center and Student Athletic Mentors (SAM). This year's Women's Week was held Mar. 16-20 for women's history month, and each day provided a different event covering a variety of women's topics. The events that have been in planning since before winter break were designed "to promote women as equal beings and in a sexually positive way," according to Mel Koberle '05, S.A.G.E. member.

The week started off on Sunday with a discussion on male violence against women led by Don McPherson, an ex-NFL player. Monday brought a demonstration titled "Virtual Women: Bodies in the Age of Digital Technology," with discussion leaders Dr. Francesca Coppa, Assistant Professor of

English, and Andrew Coppa, a top photo retoucher and founder of a digital photography studio in New York City.

Coppa, whom Dr. Coppa described as a "digital magician," demonstrated how he creates flawless images for magazines including *Rolling Stone* and *Maxim*.

He used photographs of stars such as Angelina Jolie and Ben Affleck to show how he can "smooth out wrinkles," take away veins and pimples, shed pounds and completely change the lighting. The large audience that was packed into the Recital Hall was shocked when the before and after shots were displayed on the screen. One student even stated that she certainly did feel better about herself after seeing how the stars appear without the touch of perfection from Andrew Coppa. Dr. Coppa explained that when she invited Coppa to show his work to students, she told him to "show what he does for a living and [she] will talk about how it oppresses women."

The next day featured a panel discussion entitled "Are We

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Professors join campus at teach-in to speak about pending war

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

As the war with Iraq draws closer after President George W. Bush's recent announcement that Iraq has 48 hours to comply with United States' demands, the College has taken an active role of informing and educating students on the matter.

After Bush stated that all diplomacy with Saddam and Iraq has failed up to this point, he declared that Saddam and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Faculty and staff have expressed their interest in a Center for Ethics-sponsored teach-in that would allow students, faculty and staff to converse about the subject

and "think hard about what it means to us to be involved in this war," according to Marjorie Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Ethics and Leadership. The teach-in will take place from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. today and will be offered to all students, faculty and staff of the College.

The teach-in will be structured in such a way as to provide a variety of learning options to student participants concerning the recent development of an impending war with Iraq. Hass stated that the full schedule of topics to be covered and their respected times has been available on the College website since Mar. 19.

Hass explained that

classes will meet at their normally scheduled times today, however, "professors may choose to bring their classes to the teach-in." Hass stressed that the teach-in is not simply an excuse to skip class for the day. She stated that students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the day's activities as their individual schedule allow.

According to Hass, the teach-in is not intended to be a "pro-war or anti-war rally." She also stated that it is also not intended to be a forum for debate. Rather, it is designed to be a "context for meeting as a community to ask questions" and to "learn from each

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Praising coaching staff for improvement

It is highly unlikely that anyone would come to Muhlenberg, a Division III school, as a step towards a professional athletic career. Though this may be the case, it has not deterred many Muhlenberg athletes to give their all in their particular sport or event. This is exactly the case with the Indoor Track and Field team.

Since his hiring in 1999, Head Coach Brad Hackett has raised the bar to levels beyond anyone's expectations. During his tenure, the Indoor Track teams have seen everything from a 2000 season which had both men and women finishing ninth in the Centennial Conference, to this year's seventh place finish for women and second for men.

Coch Hackett was able to prepare these students for their regular seasons and help them excel in championship competition.

His impact indeed reached new heights this season as the College sent four students to the NCAA Division III Championships. Coach Hackett was able to prepare these students for their regular seasons and help them excel in championship competition. Not only did these students compete for both team and individual honors, but all four students became All-Americans. This is the first time the men's program could claim All-Americans since its creation in 1910.

The combination of athleticism and proven coaching ability has provided the strength the team has needed to become a real threat to other teams in their conference and to the entire NCAA.

The Editorial Board commends not only the athletes that competed in the winter sports, but also the coaching staff that helped these athletes bring back six All-American honors. These men and women provide the backbone needed to become true champions. It is for this reason that we thank them and wish them the best of luck in the future.

To the Editor:

To include the article entitled, "Increase in sexual assault at the College; date rape drugs suspected," in the Mar. 13 issue of *The Weekly* was the most irresponsible journalistic decision I have ever seen your

An unjust accusation

ing a lot, considering the usual amount of severely biased drivel that graces the pages of the newspaper that Muhlenberg students are subjected to every Thursday morning. The article is a cry for attention from a woman who made a mistake, and obviously cannot take responsibility for her actions. She is trying to garner support from the student body, to perhaps put her mind at ease and justify her illicit and illegal actions.

I am not sure if you or your staff knows (although it is should be your responsibility and priority), but the man she is accusing of sexual assault was found not guilty of all charges by the Muhlenberg College judicial system, a system which is notoriously stringent in their rulings of such cases. In essence, the man did not sexually assault the woman in

question.

I want to make it perfectly clear that I do not condone sexual assault of any kind. However, I also do not condone the defamation of character of an innocent man, especially since the man is a close friend of mine.

I think your publication should do some research before printing something that accuses someone of so severe of a crime. I understand that in the piece the alleged victim and alleged perpetrator were kept anonymous, but considering that we are students at a tiny school where virtually no information is kept confidential, many people know the man and woman in question. Simply by printing the article, you are influencing the

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I am writing to address some distasteful comments that were made in the General Quarters on Mar. 26 regarding the

Where's the respect?

armed services and the individuals who serve in them.

At approximately 10:20 a.m. a young man entered GQ making loud, obnoxious comments about the United States Marine Corps who had a recruiting station set

up in the Seegers Union entrance way. The individual made mocking references to the Corps and the armed services in general, and in doing so not only mocked the military, but embarrassed himself, his peers and the entire Muhlenberg community. While I felt the extreme urge to speak my mind, I felt that my words would be too impolite to be spoken in public, and so I kept quiet.

We will likely be at war within the next twelve hours. Soon our friends and family

members will be among the thousands of men and women fighting, and people will die. Whether or not one supports the war, the reality seems to be that war is inevitable, and it is now time to come together as a nation and support our military. We must continue to voice our opinions and feelings of opposition towards government policy, but must also keep in mind that those fighting are there because they are brave enough to fight -- and possibly die -- for their

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To the Editor:

Usually I find the women of Muhlenberg College to be strong, intelligent and insightful individuals, but I'm not so sure after reading the article in last week's paper entitled, "Is chivalry dead?" I just fig-

Independent woman

ured that being a female in the 21st century had more to do with relying on one's own self worth instead of complaining about the lack of help from others. This is not to say that I am adverse to help provided by some strapping young gentleman, but depending on that is merely buying into the "weaker sex" mentality and pushing women's rights back by leaps and bounds. If Ms. Becker was in dire need of some

assistance, what's wrong with asking for it? Going over to the group of guys, or girls for that matter, standing in front of Prosser and mentioning that assistance was needed should not be out of the question. Playing the damsel in distress may have been popular years ago, but no longer, at least not to me. Why is it that some people are so ready to ask for equal opportunity and equal treatment, but when it comes to chivalry they revert back to ancient times?

Another problem I had with the article was Ms. Becker's representation of the male population of the College. I find the men of Muhlenberg (or at least most of them) to go well past the bounds of mere politeness and common courtesy. Maybe I'm just lucky and I managed to pick the cream of the

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To the Editor:

Following its recent suspension from Muhlenberg College on Feb. 19, 2003, the Tau Kappa Epsilon brotherhood has undeservingly become synonymous with

Jumping to conclusions

the word "rapist." In addition, it seems as if the College has gone out of their way to ensure that each and every brother of TKE is seen as a rapist. The majority of the Muhlenberg community, including *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, consistently claims that TKE was given the boot from campus due to charges of sexual assault.

With this in mind, I wonder why when reading over

the list of violations that TKE was charged with, the phrase "sexual assault" or anything pertaining to this sort of crime is nowhere to be found. These sexual assault charges were issued against individual students of Muhlenberg who happened to belong to the TKE fraternity. They originated from separate cases that should have been distinct from the judicial hearing that ultimately sealed the fate of the fraternity.

Concerning the three sexual assault charges, one individual was found "not guilty" by the Muhlenberg Judiciary Board as overwhelming evidence existed against the accuser and her case crumbled. The second sexual assault case concerns an individual who was found "guilty" under Muhlenberg

judicial after being accused of sexual assault that supposedly took place in a Tremont Apartment, not the TKE fraternity house. When taken to state prosecutors the accused passed a lie detector test. This test showed that no crime had been committed. Charges were promptly dropped in state court. The third sexual assault case concerns an individual who was accused of sexual assault in Martin Luther, once again, not at TKE. The accused withdrew from Muhlenberg pending disciplinary action. Despite withdrawing pending disciplinary action, the College has consistently called this case a sexual assault even though no hearing ever took place.

These are the three

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crop, but I haven't had to hold my own door in weeks. Not that I expect to be ushered into Seegers with rose petals at my feet, but simply having a door held for me has never been an issue, on occasion I even hold the door for the boys. Taking the snowstorm, for example, I saw numerous males shoveling steps and walkways not because they had to but because they were trying to make the situation easier for everyone, not just the girls. Maybe a few of us ladies should have been out there, side by side, with them but I didn't see any and I don't hear any guys complaining. It's time to stop blaming the

guys for what we can do ourselves and start thanking the ones who go far beyond what is necessary.

Don't get me wrong; I am by no means putting the male population of Muhlenberg up on a pedestal to be worshiped. I think it would have been wonderful had those boys come over and helped Ms. Becker shovel her car out, but if they had done so it should not be attributed to chivalry. Chivalry is defined as the medieval system, principles, and customs of knighthood, and I don't know about anyone else at this school, but I haven't seen knights around the campus for quite a while. Had someone lent a helping hand it should have been taken as a kind gesture and not something expected

or demanded, especially from only one group of the population. In modern times when people have seem to forgotten a little about charity and compassion it would be nice to see everyone doing a little extra to help one another. My problem is that using the premise of chivalry as an excuse to complain about it is a little farfetched at best. As for the few who stood there and watched as Ms. Becker shoveled her car out with her female friend, maybe they were thinking how nice it was to see a strong women exerting a degree of independence and wishing that all of us could do the same.

--Rachel Kleiner
Class of 2005

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country, something that many of us are unwilling to do. This is something we cannot forget, but I'm afraid that the individual in question did just that.

While we rejoice in the warmth of spring, thousands of young Americans like us are preparing for war. While we spend our days sleeping, partying and caring only about ourselves, thousands of service men and women are about to enter a world where negotiation and diplomacy are done at gunpoint. We are living in luxury thinking only of ourselves, while they are prepared to risk death to protect us. What this young man failed to recognize is that he is safe because of the people that he is so quick to slander, and this naivete deeply troubles me.

In the future we need to be more aware of what we say, especially in times of prospective war. Disagreeing with government action is not immoral; insulting the young men and women who are willing to risk their lives for their country, on the other hand, is. We must be more sensitive to the realities that exist outside of Muhlenberg. Life may be serene and peaceful in the west end of Allentown, but that is not the case everywhere, especially in the places that our soldiers are currently stationed as they prepare for war. They fight so that we may live. Let us not forget that.

--Luke Tomanelli
Class of 2004

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instances of so-called sexual assault within the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity that everyone has heard so much about. The College deemed TKE guilty by association. However, if a few members of a Muhlenberg sports team, club or organization were charged with sexual assault

would the whole group be disbanded and claimed guilty by association? Nonetheless, it seems that if the higher-ups of Muhlenberg want a fraternity or organization to be kicked off campus, it is going to happen no matter how much evidence exists in the group's favor or how overly severe the sanctions.

All students of Muhlenberg College are members of the same private institution and those who run it possess the power to do as they please no matter how wrong it is. The only problem is that they actually use this power.

--Ross Cooper
Class of 2005

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Muhlenberg community to believe various misconceptions about this upstanding man (who already had to suffer through an unjust suspension), in addition to fostering misconceptions about Tau Kappa Epsilon and its brothers. I firmly believe that if this man were to voice his narrative about the night in question, it would be much less sympathetic to the "innocent victim" that is portrayed in your article.

If you continue to make journalistic decisions like this and slander innocent people, your publication is going to begin to look more like *The National Enquirer* than a college newspaper. I am assuming you do not want such a classification, although I already take neither publication seriously.

--Dan Norbut
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Next week's discourse: The conflict in Iraq Any thoughts on the topic?

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Weekly Discourse: Celebrities and the war

Should they keep their mouths shut or do they owe the public their opinion?

Scott Gill

Weekly Guest Columnist

Like so many Americans, I'm fed up with Hollywood's "celebrity soapboxes" who feel it's their duty to put their faces in front of cameras to espouse the newest, hippest, leftist ideology to a public far more capable than they are at understanding the issues. To these celebrity-pseudo politicians, activism on behalf of idealism replaces realism.

The world they live in is not like ours. Our world is the real world -- the practical world. A world in which tyrants exist as heads of state that would love to do nothing short of killing innocent Americans on a massive scale. In our world we deal with such threats as necessary, and sometimes that means going to war to protect ourselves.

In the world of celebrity, no such real issues exist. Their world is one of idealism, their insular view of the world clouded by the tinted windows of their limousines and their lack of understanding of the complexities facing global society. Unelected and undereducated, their comments are uncensored, giving them far more voice than their knowledge of the issues can fill. Absent of real solutions, they chant for peace and call on politicians to create the ideal -- an

unachievable state which presupposes that centuries-long hatreds, ethnic strife and religious and geopolitical fighting can simply be forgotten about to create a society built on compassion and peace. Bono and the Pope is a great photo op, but where is the substance? What are their (realistic) solutions?

While Sept. 11 changed American society, it seems to have little effect on the obfuscated celebrity view of the new world order: Remember, it was

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are uncensored, giving them far more voice than their knowledge of the issues can fill.

Richard Gere who said in the days post Sept. 11 that terrorists are the real victims of their own heinous acts, and that we should love them because they lack good karma. It would be funny if he

weren't so serious.

Hypocrisies abound in the Hollywood Left. In fact, the same celebrities who lambaste American foreign policy are the same ones that profit most from American economic and cultural expansion into other parts of the world. Movies, music and entertainment are cultural attributes and as such celebrities should recognize that American economic and cultural influence in other nations fattens their wallets and supports their own international prestige. But, our friends on the big screen are too idealistic to understand the pragmatic.

Please Sheryl Crow -- shut up and sing.

Steve Woolerey

Weekly Guest Columnist

I'm ashamed to attend a College with such a small percentage of minority students. When I say that, nobody cares. This proved a much different case for Dixie Chick Natalie Maines. Last Monday, Texas native Maines told a London audience, "Just so you know, we're ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas." Radio stations across the nation since then boycotted Dixie Chick music.

I don't anticipate this type of response to my comment, and unlike Maines I won't apologize for what I wrote. Friday Maines issued an apology stating her "remark was disrespectful." Unfortunately, we live in a culture where the shame, romantic interest or booger of a celebrity can easily become the hottest news topic. I'm afraid little can remedy this madness.

What can be done, however, is exactly what celebrities like Natalie Maines are doing. Despite the resulting stir from her comment, it was harmless. Stereotypes quickly develop when dealing with an area or people not immediately accessible. I would venture to say one has existed regarding Texas for some time. I'm not convinced that England is a different area right now; I understand why Maines felt

the need to establish this distinction. Maines apologized, which I feel only enforces the notion that the media possesses a great deal of influence over the American public.

Because of this, many celebrities and athletes seem to play a game of public relations that is both neutral and neutered. The two best athletes of our time act in this game with the best. Despite the widely known labor issues abroad with Nike, Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods continue to endorse, and make countless amounts of dollars for this company. Jordan and Woods have an immeasurable amount of influence over America: If Tiger Woods refused to golf at Augusta National this year, how quick

would the Club alter, or at least reexamine, its no-women stance? If you need further proof, look no further than the athletic wear of most children over the last decade.

The same can be said for any celebrity with any influence in any situation. Whether this is right or should be the case is not the issue. Should we dislike France for not inherently endorsing our strides toward war? Of course not. Oscar Wilde once said, "a true friend stabs you in the front." It is essentially un-American to suggest celebrities, or anyone for that matter, can't speak out against what they perceive as an injustice. Not only is it their right to speak out, it is their responsibility.

Rachel Schatz

Life! Editor

Every American has the undeniable right to freely express himself on any subject in any public arena. The First Amendment grants each citizen of this country the privilege to publish personal manifestoes, praises and gripes regardless of a citizen's race, gender or social status. Thus, pauper and rich man alike possess the same capacity to publicly express support or opposition on controversial topics that concern domestic and international policy and discourse.

In the United States, many of those who are from the wealthy, upper-class tax bracket are entertainers, executives and producers (collectively "artists") that visit our homes through the television and film medium. Yet, in our society, there is a

great dichotomy between a "real" lifestyle and a Hollywood lifestyle. Hollywood embodies an image of fantasy and extravagance unattainable by the most American people, and the average American places the famous and wealthy artists to whom they look up upon a porcelain pedestal. Yet, should this pedestal be used as a soapbox?

Despite their elevated status dictated by their wealth and fame, celebrities are still American citizens and can partake fully in their rights to preach their personal views on the impending war in Iraq. In his theory of human nature, Aristotle claims that every human pursues what is good for that person in life, and similarly every American citizen has the right to free speech. Yet, Aristotle also propounds that only a select, elite group of people can

achieve the best life possible: Greek, upper-class males. It is their Greek-hood that makes them genetically superior to other races, their upper-class status that makes them educated and intellectually productive and their sex that gives them

...there exists an imbalance not in the right to free expression, but in the potential effectiveness that expression has in the public arena.

power. Similarly, a celebrity has advantages over the average, non-famous American; they can exploit their wealth and fame to address and persuade the public on important political issues like the Greek males could exploit their virtues to live the best life.

Thus, despite the equality that the First Amendment seeks to regulate (by giving everyone the right), there exists an imbalance not in the right to free expression, but in the potential effectiveness that expression has in the public arena. A layman does not have access to media that can address masses that a celebrity has, and thus a layman does not have the sort of sway or persuasive power as that of a famous actor. Should celebrities speak out for or against Bush's proactive stance on Saddam Hussein? Definitely, it is their right to do so. Are there opinions more powerful and thus more potentially persuasive than the average American advocate or critic because of their fame, wealth and thus access to the media? Unfortunately, yes.

Because of their influence over a large amount of peo-

ple, a celebrity's opinions may very well convince his fans to buy into his views, and thus people formulate their opinions based on their Hollywood idols' speeches on not on their own inherent rationalization.

The First Amendment is only viable when one speaks out and in no way impinges upon the freedom of others. Yet with celebrity persuasion, the ability to reason and formulate one's own opinion becomes greatly diminished. Whether a celebrity intends to rob his fans of their individual rights is dubious at best, and it must be up to the lay-citizen to choose to buy into the sparkling Hollywood flashiness or make up his or her own mind. In essence...sure, a celebrity can express himself, but just because he's wealthy and famous doesn't mean you have to follow suit.

Parking to get a little easier

By REBECCA LEVY
Weekly News Writer

In reaction to the increase in parking violations faced by students, the College has announced plans that reveal a variety of options to increase the parking spaces across campus.

The College is currently waiting for Allentown City Council's approval for the construction of two new

cars with them.

The College prohibits first-year students from bringing a vehicle to campus unless prior permission has been granted by the Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, after a written letter of request from the first-year student has been reviewed.

All students with vehicles on campus must register them with Campus Safety. This rule is strictly enforced.

However, despite the option of being able to have a car on campus after freshman year, the biggest problem is that there are just not

enough spaces for all of the cars on campus.

These proposed new lots will be located near the Martin Luther and East dormitories, where a large portion of the residents have cars.

One of the new lots, subject to city approval, is expected to be an addition to the current Martin Luther parking lot. It will expand towards the Life Sports Center and is expected to provide 32 additional spaces.

The other lot will be an expansion onto the grass of the existing lot on 22nd Street and Gordon, and will accommodate 33 more cars.

In addition to these two lots, which will provide short term relief, Kent Dyer, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer, stated that the College is conscious of the long term need for more parking and is also considering more dramatic additions to the campus parking mix in the future.

Another possibility for the College is building more parking spaces behind Trexler Pavilion and the Center for the Arts which will add approximately 25 parking spaces.

One possibility noted by Dyer was the addition of more spots next to the library.

However, the suggestion has been met with severe opposition from varying groups.

No definite plans have been



Chris Bansemer, Campus Safety Officer, tickets another illegally parked car on campus. The proposed new parking lots may help alleviate parking problems experienced at the College.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

made for either site, and the administration is sensitive that parking spaces not detract from the ambiance of the campus.

Dyer said that the College was "trying to add parking where it is the least intrusive of green space."

He also mentioned that the College has looked into the building of a parking garage.

However, the College has yet to receive the state funding that it would need in order to build it in the future.

Kent Dyer, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer

lots, which, if approved, will be constructed over the summer in order to be of use for the Fall 2003 school year.

Long range plans for additional parking are also being developed at this time.

It should come as no surprise that parking is a chronic problem on the College Campus.

As the College continues to grow in size with over 2,000 students, of which both the sophomore and freshman classes are approximately 10 percent larger than the senior class, as do the number of students who choose to bring

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other."

Hass expressed genuine gratitude to faculty as well as students of the College in their involvement with the planning. "I am proud of our faculty's commitment to providing this

programming for us. So many of my colleagues have volunteered their time and expertise out of a concern for our educational mission."

An event such as this is difficult to plan, according to Hass, with the unexpected development of changing current events that takes place on a daily basis on

a worldwide scale.

She stated that in light of the large amount of involvement that was volunteered by various members of the College Community, "we are lucky to be a part of a community that includes so many people willing to work with each other on this kind of project."

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Students respond to sexual assault on campus

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

On call twenty-four hours a day, members of the Sexual Assault Support System (SASS) now offer peer guidance to victims and friends of victims of sexual assault. Inspired by past and recent cases of sexual assault, the group formed to act as a non-biased comfort and support to students at the College who are dealing with sexual assault.

"It was about time someone did something to help these girls out. People are becoming more aware of what's happening."

Amy Cookson '05

Sarah Kersh '03 decided she wanted to begin some type of group to battle the issues of sexual assault two years ago. Over this past summer, she resided at Penn State University, where she learned about their domestic violence programs. "Their [program] was just so much better than what we have here," she explained. "I just knew that I had to do something."

Kersh contacted Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services, in an effort to begin a similar project at the College.

Kelly, who has direct experience with sexual assault victims on campus, explained that many victims ask if there are other women they could talk to about their experience. Kelly made the suggestion that a peer support system could be formed for victims.

The current members of SASS include Kersh, Sarah Burghauser '04, Rebecca Eckard '03, Amy Cookson '05, Jessica Farris '04, Sarah Hunter '06, Erica Jacobus '06, Jerzy Jung '04, Melissa Koberle '05, Diane Reilly '03, Allison Richard '05, Abbi Sharofsky '04, Mackenzie Smith '06 and Alana Wellington '05.

"We all agreed this was an issue that couldn't be ignored anymore," said Kersh. "This has been a communal effort absolutely." She explained that while there are a few main organizers to the group, there is not a president or leader in SASS.

The members of SASS have met five times so far this year to train as peer counselors. They met with Jane Schubert, Judicial Officer at the College, Lori Gabriel Gunther from Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley and Kelly. According to Cookson, Schubert provided the group with informa-

tion about how "the victim and accused are treated and what occurs" during the judicial process to give insight on what role SASS can have.

The members are not trained counselors, but rather certified as peer counselors. "We're simply peers who have an interest in helping victims," said Kersh. Each member of SASS must also abide by strict confidentiality rules.

She emphasized that SASS is not an activist organization.

"[SASS] provides an empathetic and unjudging ear," Kersh said. "If someone feels victimized, we'll support them."

Any victim or friend of a victim can contact SASS through Campus Safety. Members of SASS carry a pager that they rotate on a weekly basis.

If someone requests to speak with a peer about sexual assault, Campus Safety pages the SASS member on call.

Kersh explained that she feels SASS is an important addition to the campus because of the "absurd amount of people that have come to me and said they were victims," she said. She also cited that one in four college women is sexually assaulted.

"It was about time someone did something to help these girls out," said Cookson. "People are becoming more aware of what's happening and...realizing that when something happens, it's a good idea to report and get help." Cookson asserted that many assaults go unreported. She hopes SASS will help victims come forward in the future.

"The goal of SASS is to show victims that when all their friends and everyone has turned against them, there is a team of people that support them," said Cookson.

SASS is willing to support victims at any time after an assault. "The aftermath of that...is tremendous. [There is] so much emotional and psychological healing the victim has to do," she said.

The schedule for on-call members has been made up for the remainder of the semester. Any new members would be involved in promotion of the organization and training for next year. "We'd really like to have men on SASS, too. [Sexual assault] doesn't happen just to women," said Kersh.

She also explained that while each member of the group is currently a member of Students Advocating Gender Equality (S.A.G.E.), SASS is unaffiliated with S.A.G.E. and will be run through the Counseling Center.



Sarah Hunter '06, Mackenzie Smith '06, Amy Cookson '05 and Sarah Berghauser '04 listen during a training session for the Sexual Assault Support System.

WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

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"in about a week." He further explained that written documents will be made of the results of the Task Force.

Steffy stated, "One of the values of doing this now is that the findings will be useful in the starting of next year."

According to Steffy, the Task Force has received a lot of attention from various concerned individuals in the College Community in its earliest planning stages. "My principle satisfaction out of this is the number of people who have come forth and would like to sit on the Task Force," commented Steffy.

Steffy explained that the meetings themselves will "heighten awareness" of the subject across campus, bringing much needed awareness of the topic campus wide.

Steffy went on to say that the problem is one that is widespread and is in need of more awareness from all of the members of the College Community.

One of the requested potential members of the Task Force is Campus Safety Officer, Brenda Lakis. Lakis is the sexual assault investigator of the College who investigates any claims

regarding sexual assault cases. In addition to the investigational aspect of the job, Lakis also plays interacts with the victim and the victim's parents.

Lakis is a firm supporter in educating people about sexual assault, however, she feels that more needs to be done. She explained that it is difficult to make people listen because "it hasn't happened to them."

According to Lakis, the best way to increase student understanding is to "make it more student-friendly." She further noted, "people trying to preach is not effective... I'd love to educate," said Lakis. "But we've got to find a better way."

She also explained, "I'd like to see a safe room for the victims" so that victims have a place to go. Lakis also stated that she would like to see an after hours resource center on campus.

She emphasized that the education that is being given on the subject is not limited to just women. Lakis stated that it is just as important to educate the men as it is for the women. She declared that it is important that men are well educated on the severity of sexual assaults because "they're the ones getting accused."

WOMEN

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Having Fun Yet?" with Erika Sutherland, Assistant Professor of Spanish, J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat, Assistant Professor of Anthropology / Sociology, Patrice DiQuinzio, Associate Professor of Philosophy / Women's Studies, and a roomful of students. The discussion's topic addressed living thirty years after the so-called sexual revolution.

Wednesday brought more awareness to cam-

pus with an arts festival celebrating talents in visual arts, music, poetry and dance.

Today marks the end of Women's Week, with a Take Back the Night March starting in front of Egner Memorial Chapel to protest and speak out against violence against women.

In addition to all of these events, a table was set up outside of the Garden Room each day providing information on a variety of different women's topics and the events of the week.

Women's Week 2003 drew attention from the campus, and attendance

rates were high for each of the sponsored events.

Sarah Hunter '06, an organizer of Women's Week, stated that overall, the week is important because "it brings to light a lot of the issues that have faded into the background."

Each day of Women's Week was designed to provide information and messages for the women on campus, concerning everything from body image to independence.

Koberle stated that what made the week such a real success was the way that "everyone pulled their opinions together."

Summer reseach grant recipients named

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Bringing six students back on campus for the summer, the College has awarded several significant summer research grants. Each student will receive a \$2,500 stipend, one independent study credit and free housing at the College for the eight weeks during their research.

Art major Greta Bergstresser '05, who will be supervised by Joe Elliott, Professor of Art, will be

researching "Pictorial Directory for the Upper Susquehanna Synod."

"Using a 4x5 camera and black and white film, my project will involve the documentation of Lutheran ministers in the Upper Susquehanna synod, including my dad who gave me the idea for this project," said Bergstresser.

"The synod desperately needed a pictorial directory, and I wanted to create one in a way that is both artistic and straightforward," she said.

Shawn Havey '05, a

History and Chemistry double major, will be researching the "Historical Contributions of Chemists" under the supervision of Marsha Baar, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the College.

"I will be researching a chemical conference that has taken place for the past eighty years," said Havey, "specifically, the presenters and topics discussed at the conferences."

According to Havey, there is also a website being developed on the topic of women in chemistry, and his research this summer will also involve adding text for the website.

"I will be doing some visual work, such as finding old pictures from the conferences as well as writing essays on my findings," said Havey.

Biology major Emily Kluger '04 will be researching "Light's Effect on Plant-Insect Defenses and Adaptations in Spicebush During Herbivore Attacks by Tulip Tree Beauty," under the direction of Richard Niesenbaum, Associate Professor of Biology.

"The synod desperately needed a pictorial directory, and I wanted to create one in a way that is both artistic and straightforward."

Greta Bergstresser '05

Her prior research on a related topic led her to write the proposal for the summer grant.

"I previously found that spicebush in the sun is more chemically defended to herbivore attack," said Kluger.

"In other words, plants in the shade get eaten more than plants in the sun," she explained.

Kluger found that caterpillars were gaining weight in the sun, but they were not eating as much. This phenomenon led her to develop several questions about the plant itself instead of the caterpillars.

"I will be exploring heightened defenses of plants and whether those defenses are nitrogen or carbon based," said Kluger. "I also want to see how caterpillars have adapted to these defenses."

Robert Saenz de Viteri '04, a Theatre and English

double major, will be exploring "The Development of Journalistic Theatre: Research and Analysis of Performance Technique, Writing, Content and Style."

Jim Peck, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance, will work with Saenz de Viteri.

"I will be researching the history of a movement in theatre called 'journalistic theatre' which began with the Bolsheviks in the Russian Revolution," said Saenz de Viteri. "It is a style of theatre similar to documentary in that the plot, structure, script, and characters, are 'real' people [historical figures]."

According to Saenz de Viteri, journalistic theatre basically places current events on stage.

"I am interested in what this form does to the hierarchy of theatre [authorship], how the form is successful on stage and how it is not, and the social impact of this style," said Saenz de Viteri.

"In particular I am interested in the work of Anna Deaver Smith, a journalistic theatre artist," he explained.

Karen Seapker '04, an Art major, will be researching "Artistic Studies of the Stage: Visually Recreating the Experience of Theatrical Performance in Consideration of the Art of Edgar Degas and the Realism Movement."

Her faculty sponsor for the research grant is Tim Averill, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance.

Seapker will be attending rehearsals of the summer theater program at the College and making sketches of those who are involved.

Like the painter Edgar Degas, who attended rehearsals and later used his sketches towards a final painting, she will be producing a large work of art using the studies she has made throughout her summer.

Upon completion, the work will be exhibited

either in the Center for the Arts or in the Trexler Pavilion.

"During the entire time I am working on studio art, I will also be studying Degas and the Realism Movement, two subjects that I became intensely interested in this

"The summer study allows me to combine my dual interest in studio art and art history."

Karen Seapker '04

past fall while I was studying in London," said Seapker. "In this way, the summer study allows me to combine my dual interest in studio art and art history."

Stephanie Zettel '05, with the help of Jason Kelsey, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, will be researching "Phytoremediation of Chemical Pollutants from Soil."

"I am currently working on the technique and methodology of soil sterilization," explained Zettel.

According to Zettel, soil sterilization is necessary to prevent microbial breakdown of chemicals during aging, a process by which chemicals can change form and move within soil due to increased residence time in the soil.

"The experiment will culminate with soil samples aged for the different lengths of time [prepared in the spring] in early summer," said Zettel.

The results could potentially influence the larger study of bioremediation, which involves using natural processes to restore over-used farmland and resources which have been exploited by humans over time.

The application process for each research position included a five page proposal consisting of an abstract and essay of intention, stating what the student would be doing with the summer research grant, should he or she receive it.

Each applicant was required to have a faculty sponsor for his or her project. The sponsor would also potentially serve as an advisor for the student during the eight-week period of study over the summer term.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown - Allentown City Council will be asked Wednesday to approve \$10 million in new debt to cover a variety of capital projects, including the takeover of city streetlights from PP&L Corp., the summer street paving program and bridge improvements along the 15th Street corridor. The \$10 million in new debt will be covered by the sale of general obligation bonds which, depending on conditions of the bond market at the time, could amount to perhaps as much as \$20 million. The additional \$10 million would cover the refinancing of bonds from 1993, 1999 and 2000, and save the city perhaps more than \$500,000 in interest payments.

Allentown - Morale among Allentown police officers has been poor under many mayors and police chiefs. It has sunk to new lows under Police Chief Stephen L. Kuhn and threatens to blow the APD off course. Kuhn and Mayor Roy C. Afflerbach are engaged in open verbal warfare with the rank-and-file officers and the Fraternal Order of Police. The rhetoric has been unusually public and pointed, with the chief chastising his men and the union taking dead aim at Kuhn's job. The police labor union is planning to take a no-confidence vote on Kuhn as soon as the beginning of April. The vote would serve as a public relations salvo launched at a chief who is fond of calling news conferences for minor arrests.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers
High: 60 Low: 37	High: 53 Low: 30	High: 49 Low: 30

Chaplain's office plans to go green

By MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

A close inspection of the Egner Memorial Chapel will reveal a building that could take steps to improve its energy conservation to become more environmentally friendly.

The doors do not close

"We are researching 'green' alternatives for many parts of the Chapel."

Valerie Lykes '05

tightly, thus allowing heated air to escape outside, and many energy-inefficient lighting fixtures are employed.

It is for this reason that the Environmental Action Team (EnAcT) is attempting to "green" parts of the

Chapel and the Chaplain's office.

The Chapel is the first of what EnAcT hopes to be many buildings on campus to be "greened" and made more environmentally friendly. Spearheading the plan is Valerie Lykes '05, President of EnAcT.

Lykes said, "We are researching 'green' alternatives for many parts of the chapel."

Peter Bredlau, College Chaplain, said, "The Chapel is a good place to start... [because] it's a small office." As opposed to some offices on campus that hold fifteen people or more, only two people work in the Chapel office.

Several members of EnAcT visited the Chapel office to examine each room and discuss possible

changes that could promote a more environmentally friendly atmosphere. Bredlau gave members of EnAcT "a little tour of the chapel" in order to assist with their brainstorming of ideas.

Various small changes have been suggested as a place to start. For instance, light bulbs could be changed from incandescent bulbs to more energy efficient fluorescent bulbs and copier paper can be changed to a more environmentally friendly brand. Additionally, Bredlau stated that he doesn't "want to leave the lights on all day and night."

He explained that it may be possible to implement a lighting schedule that will continue to allow a welcoming atmosphere to students while becoming more efficient. At the same time, he



Students meet with Chaplain Peter Bredlau to tour the Chapel.

PHOTO BY ADAM COHEN

wants the Chapel to remain open to students.

When asked if he thinks that the "greening" trend will catch on, Bredlau said, "little things change the culture slowly."

Lykes confirmed that "the project is still in the brainstorming stages and no definite plans have been made yet... We plan to create something for [Bredlau] and see what happens."

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 10 - Failure to Comply - A freshman that has been warned on several occasions to remove his car from campus has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 11 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A window of a vehicle parked near Tremont apartments was smashed in by three non-students.

Mar. 11 - Vehicle Violation - A first-year student was warned many times to bring his car home and was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 11 - Vandalism to Vehicle - The same three non-students who vandalized a car earlier in the night at Tremont ravaged another car on 26th Street.

Mar. 11 - Injured Student - A student suffered a severed eye burn when a liquid was dabbled into the eye. The student was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital on Cedar Crest.

Mar. 11 - Theft - A leather coat was stolen from a student at Trexler Library. The theft is currently under investigation.

Mar. 11 - Assist Outside Agency - A student was charged by APD with failure to have insurance and

for driving while under a suspended license. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 11 - Vandalism to Vehicle - The three non-students who violated several other cars during the night dismantled another car on Chew Street.

Mar. 13 - Parking Complaint - A student has been continuously parking in the handicap parking spaces around campus. The student has been given tickets and has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 13 - Sick Student - A member of the Weekly staff suffered dehydration and hallucinations in East Hall. She was transported to the hospital and treated with water.

Mar. 13 - Injured Student - A student suffered a left ankle injury on the football field. The student was transferred to Lehigh Valley hospital.

Mar. 14 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - One student of Taylor Hall was found with marijuana and a pipe. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 14 - Trespasser - Four skateboarders were damaging the new stairs of

Trexler Library. The skateboarders were issued letters of trespass and their parents were contacted.

Mar. 14 - Vandalism - The glass of the vending machine was broken again last week. The food products were taken and eaten.

Mar. 15 - Alcohol Violation - Jacob Krakower '05 was spotted evading APD as he fell to the ground and was handcuffed by Allentown police officers. Krakower was in possession of a false ID, guilty of drunk and disorderly while under the legal drinking age. Besides a night in jail, he was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 15 Theft of Service - One student failed to pay for his meal at the Generals Quarters. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 15 - Injured Student - A student suffered a small laceration to the body while at Trexler Pavilion.

Mar. 15 - Assist Other Agency - Campus Safety assisted a motor vehicle accident in the Martin Luther parking lot.

Mar. 15 - Hit and Run - There was a hit and run accident in Martin Luther parking lot.

Mar. 15 - Intoxicated Person - A student was intoxicated while in Seegers Union. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 15 - Found Property - A female student lost her purse in Seegers Union. The purse was shortly thereafter located and returned to the student.

Mar. 15 - Social Codes Violation - A non-student viewed pornography on a computer at the Library. The individual was issued a letter of trespass.

Mar. 15 - Found Property - A purse was lost and later returned to a female student at Seegers Union.

Mar. 16 - Alcohol Violation - There was a violation of the drinking law when three students were supplying seven underage drinkers at 513 N. 21 Street. The students have been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 16 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A stone was thrown in the window of a car parked at 416 N. 22 Street.

Mar. 16 - Vandalism - Some branches of a tree were ripped from the trunk of a tree outside of East

Hall.

Mar. 16 - Suspicious Person - A non-student was caught by Campus Safety trespassing on campus while having a private conversation with himself.

Mar. 16 - Injured Student - A student suffered a knee injury at Trexler Pavilion. The student was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Mar. 16 - Theft - Three of the College's school flags were stolen from their respected lamp posts on Front Drive.

Mar. 17 - Injured Student - A student suffered a blow to a knee at Life Sports Center. The student was soon transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Mar. 17 - Alcohol Violation - One student of Walz Hall was in violation of the College's alcohol policy. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 18 - Harassment - There was a student on student harassment case that lead to the referral of the harasser to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 18 - Vandalism - The blue light cover of Prosser Hall was torn from its place atop the call box.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is like riding a bicycle. You don't fall off unless you plan to stop peddling."

-- Claude Pepper

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO IS THIS MAN? →



"Arthur Taylor?"

— Amy Cookson '05

"That's Ronald Reagan!"

— Ethan Fearn '03



"King George Bush, the First."

— Emily Kluger '04



"On the surface, he's a father of three. But he has a dark secret..."

— Chris Price '04



"Ed McMahon?"

— Rob Terrio '04



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Singer Pat McGee rocks Moyer Hall



Pat McGee casually strums his guitar while singing one of his sweet, soulful songs.

PHOTO BY ADAM COHEN

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

With their ambitious tour schedule and record releases, there doesn't seem to be a lot that Pat McGee Band (PMB) hasn't done. There is one exception, however. McGee notes, "I have yet to trip onstage."

These dry, humorous comments are typical of McGee and his band-mate Chris Williams, who accompanied McGee during his Saturday night performance in Moyer Forum. During a pre-concert interview, the two musicians and tour manager Brian Bain chilled, ate some pizza and talked music, clearly their favorite subject. McGee said the best part of his job is that, "You get paid to do what you love...The stage isn't the work."

What is work is recording a new album. "We've been in an amazing studio for the past three months," said McGee. The new album is more rock driven than past

albums, with "more electric guitar going on," but there is still acoustic in every song. The harder-edged record will most likely be out in August, providing the band does not have to continue their work on it. It may be a lot of effort, but McGee says that when they are done recording, the results are pleasingly surprising. "[When you listen for the first time] you're like, 'Oh my God. That's us.'"

While the band is becoming increasingly more popular among college students, McGee doesn't forget his influences, which are "pretty much every classic rock band that ever existed." McGee would, in the future, like to appear with the Rolling Stones or Aerosmith. His reverence for the gods of rock is clear.

Even as McGee and his band-mates engage in their music and look to those who have gone before them, they have not forgotten about the little things in life. Besides getting to play

onstage, McGee and Williams discuss the finer points of going on the road. "The traveling is awesome," said McGee, and the band enjoys the "free booze."

Having done so many performances, the band should have encountered some onstage catastrophes and antics. McGee assures, however, that the band is pretty low key--they haven't decapitated anyone onstage, nor have they used the stage as a bathroom. As McGee said, "we're pretty laid back...we have a few drinks."

During one show, Williams' drum sticks caught fire, and he also got a congo drum stuck on his head. With his quiet humor, Williams doesn't seem to care what people think of him, on or offstage. Referring to himself in the third person, Williams described his post-show habits with a hint of sarcasm. "I like to wear women's underwear after the show. It helps me relax," says Williams, and he was extremely cool with having that printed.

Also notable was the time when McGee celebrated his birthday "bar style" and then ambled onstage with fellow band mates while the opening band was still playing. "I think we played like one song for an hour."

Beyond life with the band, McGee appears to be just a regular Joe. He was a swim coach for children before he put together PMB. He likes the movies *Dumb and Dumber* and *Old School*, and his favorite movie is *Casino*. When given the choice of chocolate or vanilla he chooses, "Chocolate, always chocolate." While the guys are busy, and sometimes tired with their regular 3 or 4

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Whitehall Family Diner: Like a hospital cafeteria, but actually good

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Life! Editor

With a line stretching out into the vestibule which was packed with grab-and-claw arcade games, the very white Whitehall Family Diner was packed with excited patrons ready to dine and converse over coffee and crumpets. Hardly inconspicuous among the mecca of consumerism on MacArthur Road, the diner's enormous arrow sign waves drivers to its brightly chromed exterior. Just a few minutes past the Lehigh Valley Mall, the Whitehall Family Diner is one desirable spot near the College that gives the hungry college student an excuse to dine out and dine out well.

The diner's overall appearance was white and shiny. Chrome gutters lined the ceilings and floor panels of the L-shaped building, making the inside of the restaurant reflective and comfortably bright. Amidst the whiteness of the walls was wallpaper of forest green and festive St. Patty's Day decorations. The ceilings were studded by sever-

al chandeliers that closely resembled upside-down, layered wedding cakes. The floors and speckled tables were remarkably clean, and Jess Skrocki said the tiled floor made her feel like she was in an "enormous shower." The diner received a perfect 10 for cleanliness.

Service was accommodating, yet at times hurried. The diner had a

presented only nanoseconds before. Skrocki noted, "I felt pressure to give my order even though I wasn't ready yet." When orders were taken and shortly thereafter served, Amanda Phillips' sandwich came late with a hasty apology. The diner receives a rating of 7 for service.

Rachel Schatz ordered the Tuna Salad Platter. The meal consisted of "heaping and generous scoops of savory tuna, crispy cole slaw," potato salad, egg, lettuce, onion and cucumber. Schatz noted that "the cole slaw was stellar," but because the tuna had too much mayonaisse and not enough processed fish, her meal lost a half point. She rated the platter a 9.5.

To evoke the deli sandwich spirit, Matt Meyers desired a traditional Reuben. The loaded, grilled sandwich consisted of sauerkraut (a.k.a. "liberty cabbage" to patriots), yummy corned beef, Swiss cheese and Russian dressing on preferably seeded rye bread. Overall the sandwich was tasty, but Meyers made special mention to the dressing, saying that "the Russian dressing would make



On the outside, the Whitehall Family Diner shines and brightens up MacArthur Road.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

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a.m. bedtimes, McGee says it is still possible for them to go out and do regular things. He says it's all a matter of motivation and transportation. "We should bring bikes [on the bus, but] they'd just get all rusty."

Next up for PMB are a several performances and the upcoming release of their album. They will also perform on the Rock Boat, a cruise ship for fans through the Gulf of Mexico with about twenty bands onboard.

Once McGee and Williams finished their pizza, they prepared to go onstage as Miller Forum filled to more than full capacity. When McGee entered, he was greeted by loud shouts of "McGee!" and cheering. McGee said he felt like a teacher in the Forum and pretended to discuss a "syllabus." He opened his show with "Girl from Athens." He then played a song from the new album called "Radar," which is a bit more driven than McGee's earlier material but still just as melodic. He also performed "Anabelle," another new piece that had a harder edge.

Students reacted in typical 'Berg style -- they listened intently, kept chill and erupted into applause at

the end of each song. Unsure what to make of the calm, Williams asked, "are you guys allowed to stand up?" Williams became increasingly more popular among the crowd as fans cheered "Chris" loudly throughout the night.

McGee also performed "Runaway," the first single from

that were both well-practiced and alive. McGee played one of his tunes and then a cover of a popular song, including The Who's "Pinball Wizard" and The Rolling Stones' "Sympathy for the Devil," both of which were met with resounding applause. The audience seemed thrilled with these choices. The encore occurred after students stood and chanted until McGee returned to the stage and played two more tunes, including his own "Hero" and U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name."

McGee interspersed his songs with stories after he addressed fans in back. "This isn't like when the teacher asks you to come sit up front. It's much cooler up here." He told a story about a hotel receptionist who turned out to be in a gang. Referring to PMB's music, she quipped, "that s___ is tight!"

After the show, McGee said he didn't realize there was so much love for PMB at the College. While signing pictures and t-shirts, he said that the show was great. His favorite part of the 'Berg? "The showers at the gym are nice." More subtle humor from Pat McGee.



Pat McGee Band's drummer Chris Williams pops his head out from behind his extensive drum set.

PHOTO BY ADAM COHEN

Shine, and the popular tunes "Rebecca," "Flooding," "Passion" and "Haven't Seen for a While," which has the addictive lyrics of "If I could get away I'd be there today/ You'd be wearing that smile/Haven't seen for a while."

McGee and Williams were not afraid of breaking from the familiar and went into musical interludes



The diner's sign stands out.

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Boris Yeltsin give up vodka," with its homemade, hearty relish chunks. The Reuben received a rating of 8.5.

As breakfast-for-lunch, Skrocki ordered a regular omelet with bacon, cheese, home-fries and wheat toast. The omelet appeared a little brown, and Skrocki claimed, "it was a little overdone for my taste, but I have weird taste in eggs." Despite Skrocki's temperamental taste buds, the meal was rated an 8.

Dave Sobotkin ordered his trademark meal: two eggs over easy also served with home-fries and white toast. As he carefully tried to surgically remove the yolks from the whites with a blunt butter knife and fork, he remarked, "Over easy is tough, but there was a perfect balance of eggs and whites. I commend the artistry of the yolk." Because his arteries weren't clogged completely, Sobotkin also ordered corned beef hash, which he greatly enjoyed. The meal was rated a 9.

Poultry was in store for Phillips. She ordered a chicken breast sandwich on a toasted roll. The chicken appeared juicy and browned, yet despite its good taste, it was "a little greasy." Grease and all, the meal rated an 8.

The overall bill was not too pricey, but not as cheap as other diners in the College area. The Reuben and grilled chicken sandwich each cost \$4.65 (not bad for hearty sandwiches), the bacon and cheese omelet cost \$3.95, the tuna platter cost \$6.05 (a little expensive for only canned fish and chopped veggies), the eggs and side of corned beef hash cost \$4.60 and \$1.80, respectively. Complete with two cups of regular coffee with free refills, the total bill came to \$27.25.

The Whitehall Family Diner provided good, affordable taste and efficient, rapid service in a blinding and sterile, yet strangely warm atmosphere. It should be added to Barnes and Noble and the mall as one of the "must-visit" highlights of the 'Berg's neighboring capital of commercialism, Whitehall.

Overall rating for taste, cleanliness and service: 8.57.

Get ready, it's almost Mr. Muhlenberg time

By LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Life! Writer

Once again, the campus prepares itself to cheer on a new round of Mr. Muhlenberg candidates. Ten hopeful students anxiously await their chance to show off their talents and personalities, and they will compete to be crowned the next Mr. Muhlenberg.

Mr. Muhlenberg is run by Class Council, and this year, Nick Scarduzio '04, Acting Class President and Meredith Hampson '04 have taken charge of the event. With the help of Director of Student Activities Becky Grace, the efforts toward another competition are in the works.

As usual, the candidates for Mr. Muhlenberg were selected after an extremely rigorous interview process by a discerning committee. Candidates must first be nominated and then move on to an interview from which the final ten are selected. According to selection committee member, Amy Featherman '04, "Contestants could be nominated the week prior to interviews, and everybody who was nominated was asked to be interviewed."

The interviews consisted of a variety of questions.

According to another committee member, Socorro Sampson '04, "The candidates were selected after an interview with both serious and funny questions."

Not only does the committee seek candidates who will be good and entertaining performers in front of a large audience, but the committee also wants candidates who exemplify the best characteristics of a Muhlenberg student. "We look for students who are well-rounded with amicable and personable characteristics," Sampson explained.

Featherman stressed the committee's difficulty in selecting the final ten candidates. "The Mr. Muhlenberg candidates are all very charismatic and charming people. The people who were chosen kept the interviewers very entertained and laughing during the interview." In addition, candidates should also have a great sense of humor. According to Scarduzio, "Mr. Muhlenberg is enjoyable because it mocks traditional beauty pageants, so we need individuals who can strut their stuff in an amusing manner."

While 200 Mr. Muhlenberg wannabes were nominated, the committee could only select 10. The

committee sought men from all arenas of campus involvement. "This year, we have ten dynamic contestants who represent varying aspects of the College community. We have athletes, fraternity brothers, dancers and even a magician," Scarduzio commented.

The final ten are Frank Pepe '05, Jonathan Katz '05, Mike Geller '04, Kurt Wukitsch '06, Jed Wulfekotte '03, Matt Kelley '03, Matt Menard '04, Drew Nishiyana '06, Frankie Grande-Marcione '05 and Vinnie Rella '04. The pageant will be hosted by Mary McGlouchlin '04 and TJ O'Connell '03. As usual, the judges will evaluate contestants by their performances in the swimsuit, talent and formal wear competitions.

With all of the preparatory work that has gone into it, this year's competition looks to be another exciting evening. While this year Scarduzio will be behind the scenes, rather than onstage, he comments, "watching it all come together has been such a worthwhile experience," but watch out Mr. Muhlenberg 2003. Scarduzio warns, "I'm planning on stealing the crown from the winner anyway!"

A "Sideways" look at music

By JOHN DUNPHY
Online/Subscriptions Editor

With all the advancements in music technology, it is easy to fall into the trend of distortion pedals, electronics and revamping notes in a recording studio. Seldom does an artist perform with nothing but an acoustic guitar in his hands, and even rarer does he sound good when he does. Despite these trends, there is an artist who has risen above and broken out of these sickening voids in the music industry. That artist is Matt Caplan.

Caplan grew up in New York City and was heavily influenced by the swell of performing arts in the area. After attending a high school designed for arts education, he laid low for a while. Instead of going to auditions and interviews, he stayed home writing music.

Eventually, he found his way into the traveling tour of the show *Rent*, a rock musical that is currently on Broadway.

Caplan is currently the "swing" for the role of Mark Cohen in the Broadway production. This essentially means that he knows virtually everything about the role and its background. With this immense resume-builder and the friends he met, he eventually was able to put together an album that is nothing less than a masterpiece.

Although his self-titled album itself is more of a demo since it only consists of seven songs, the lyrics and music take audiences on a whirlwind ride of feeling. Matt's emotions are so readily apparent through the music expressing hurt, love, loss, faith and so many other expressions that just by listening, a person may

feel as if he has lived an entire life through someone else's eyes.

One of the most prominent songs on the album is the last track, entitled "Sideways." The song encompasses and exemplifies thoughts of love and loss while also making audiences truly think about the future. It is extremely relevant for college students of all classes in the line, "and I'm afraid that I'll spend the better part of next year scared that I might need you." It is a wonder that this song isn't someone's graduation theme.

Although he is now mainly hitting the bars in New York, his music can be found on any mainstream file sharing network. If you feel obliged to aid the starving artist, check out his music, lyrics and overpowering breakout as a emotional young solo artist.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:



← WHO IS THIS MAN?



"Al Gore?"

— Brian Talbot '03



"That's gotta be our president because I don't know what he looks like."

— Erica Norey '04



"George Carlin, or your mom."

— Sabrina Krum '06



"My friend in PA."

— Matt Menard '04



"I've never seen him before."

— James Balsamo '04



"That's the old guy from N'Sync, right?"

— Dan Engelberg '04

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♈ Aries

"Help! Help! I'm being repressed!"

With Spring Break only two weeks back, you still feel smothered by Mom and Pop. They want to know how many pairs of underwear you've worn in the past two hours and the left shoe size of the girl/boy you met at a friend's party. Raging profanity isn't the key to repulsing your parasitic parents. Use their credit card and claim you were under extreme duress and don't remember swiping that new Fiat.

♉ Taurus

"If she weighs the same as a duck, she's made of wood." People find it hard to follow your train of thought. They claim you are weird and that you never make sense when it comes to...well, anything. Don't let them get to you; you are just an unconventional dreamer. Treat your social banishment as a greatly coveted honor; people don't hate you. They're just jealous, and don't be afraid to tell them so! Hey, you're already an outcast.

♊ Gemini

"You've got no arms left." "Just a flesh wound." You devote great attention to political

correctness. You'd rather tell someone he is "oppositionally defiant" than immature and "food-consumption handicapped" than a fat cow. Cut to the chase, dude, no one understands a word you say. Don't worry about sparing other people's feelings. The constructive criticism you think you provide is no better than direct insults, and some person you called "horizontally challenged" last week has a hit out on you.

♋ Cancer

"If life seems jolly rotten, there's something you've forgotten, and that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing." Who says prancing isn't manly? Even though your grades are steadily dropping from bad to worse, and you have a new neighbor who loves to steal your shoes and grow potted geraniums in your stilettos, the snow has melted, love is in the air and you got those rockin' John Tesh and David Hasselhoff duo tickets that you've wanted all your life. That will get you singing and dancing (even if shoeless) for sure.

♌ Leo

"Alms for an ex-leper!" You find yourself continuously asking favors from your friends out of pity. It does really

suck that you have African sleeping sickness that normally inflicts only wildebeests, but you can't use your horrific disease as a crutch. Get out of bed, get dressed, get yourself some antibiotics and stop making other people do your Physics for Life homework.

♍ Virgo

"You can keep your Marxist ways, for it's only just a phase...money, money, money makes the world go round!" You are incredibly broke. The cashier is only open at 11:03 a.m. and 4:27 a.m., and the ATM comes alive and beats you with a monstrous wooden spike whenever you try to withdraw any more than five dollars. Like Charlie in the movie *Willy Wonka*, you should look in the sewers for random pennies that rich people drop so frivolously on their walk to Wawa. A little pocket change can go a long way.

♎ Libra

"Plato, they say, could stick it away half a crate of whiskey every day." With the St. Patty's Day spirit smell still fresh on your "Proud to be Irish" tee, you feel as though Monday could very well be your new favorite night of the week. When you are old and employed, Tuesday won't feel so great when you

can't sleep off the night before (or what you remember of it) until 2 p.m. On the other hand, Monday is close enough to the weekend...

♏ Scorpio

"Every sperm is wanted, every sperm is good, every sperm is needed in your neighborhood." Having too much fun by yourself? Would you rather stay in, watch *Crossroads* with Britney Spears and light a few pink, rosemary-scented candles than go to Beach Bash or see a quality movie in public? This could be a problem. Cut down on your alone time and shorten your showers. Contrary to popular belief, there are lots of other fun activities you could do with other people.

♐ Sagittarius

"Always look on the bright side of life." Garden Room woes because you can't keep the Action Station Rappz in you? Optimism is key. Steer clear of the manufactured grub, and make a habit of eating peanut butter and jelly for every meal. It's protein, it's sweet and it has peanut buttery goodness, not to mention great breath.

♑ Capricorn

"It is a good shrubbery. I like the laurels particularly." With spring

around the corner, you can't wait to get outside and meddle intimately with nature. Be one with the birds, the sun and especially the greenery. Plan some sneak attacks on that pesky and annoying lab partner. Hide out by Trumbower, wait patiently, and when that partner of yours walks by, pounce on him like a starved Sahara lion on freshly gnawed hyena meat.

♒ Aquarius

"And I thought to myself, 'a little fermented curd will do the trick.'" Conventional medical technology hasn't done a thing for that chronic and crazy rash, so now it's time to resort to the experimental tradition. Since the Garden Room food is too abrasive to eat, mix some applesauce and chicken giblets with some Mule Kicker punch and see if that helps you out. Hey, if not, you may discover something that tastes good and won't make you nauseous in the process.

♓ Pisces

"I didn't know we had a king! I thought we were autonomous collective." As is evident by the Question of the Week, you have no clue as to what goes on on campus (you and Scorpio both). Get informed so you don't seem like a fool. For your information, you attend Muhlenberg College, we have an interim president and our health center is the lead manufacturer and distributor of artificially-flavored ghetto lemon cough drops and salt packets.

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Association, Ramella also interviewed and evaluated students, as well as provided hundreds of high school athletes scholarship money to attend competitive colleges and universities across the country.

Ramella could not be more excited about his new position within the Athletics Department at Muhlenberg. "I felt like coming out of Syracuse I was given an amazing opportunity at the Kaylee Scholarship Association, and now, once again, I have been given a great opportunity to get involved in college athletics and the student body," he stated. "Hopefully, if my future goes as I hope it will, I will continue to be heavily involved in college athletics at Muhlenberg. It is definitely a new challenge, but one that I am extremely excited about."

Stephen Erber, Director of Athletics at Muhlenberg, is thrilled about Ramella joining the Athletics Department and feels as if he is more than qualified to excel in his new position.

"Ray Ramella brings a good background in sports and business to this position, and I am certain once he learns about Muhlenberg he will do an excellent job. He was the unanimous choice of the search committee," Erber said.

Ramella, who began his new job at Muhlenberg in mid-January, hopes to see many improvements in the College as well as within the quality of the facilities.

"I think that the new additions to the facility will also expand the athletic department and hopefully bring many new renovations not only to the building but escalate all the athletic programs to be more competitive," said Ramella. "Overall, I am happy to be a part of the Muhlenberg community and could not be more excited about my new position."

Women's lacrosse lose second straight game

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules' women's lacrosse team endured their second straight loss on Thursday, when they were defeated by Widener University (2-2) by a slim one goal. The goal was scored when the ball rolled right over the goal line with a mere 2:41 remaining in the game, to break the tie score of 9-9 and give Widener a 10-9 win over the Mules.

The women faced a three-goal shortfall with 19:20 remaining on the clock, but came back strong and were able to tie the game with slightly more than three minutes left to play on the official clock. Some of the contributing goals were scored by Freshman Courtney Tapkas, Sophomore Christa Carlstrand and Senior Lynsey Caldwell.

In addition to Tapkas' first goal, she added in two more to achieve her first collegiate career hat trick. Teammate Freshman Shannon Donohue also put forth a valiant effort and recorded one goal and three assists to aid Muhlenberg in their intense effort. The Mules have played six games in the last two seasons where they have had a slight margin of one goal. Of these six games, however, the Mules have only won one of them.



Freshman Courtney Tapkas shot the ball to a teammate at practice.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDELL

Also contributing offensively for the Mules was Senior Sarah Bowman, who finished with one goal and one assist, as well as Freshman Jessica Geiger and Steph Light who each recorded one goal and Sophomore Dayna McCarthy who added an assist. In goal Sophomore Diana Bleakley held tight with thirteen saves.

The Mules will be host Gettysburg College on Saturday.

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He was honored after leading the Mules to wins in its first two varsity games, recording a total of twelve goals and two assists. Westendorf shared this honor with Jon Singer of Franklin & Marshall College, who had four goals and ten assists within two games. In terms of the rest of the season, Westendorf has high expectations for the team. "Our hopes for the rest of the season are to make a name for ourselves and to develop into a tough contender amongst the most elite teams of the Centennial Conference," he said. Freshman Mike O'Malley also played well offensively, recording an assist. In addition, Freshman teammate Joe LaBella led the Mules defensively with nine saves as well.

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Men's lacrosse team keeps streak

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mules' men's lacrosse team, led by Freshman Dave Armstrong, defeated Eastern on Saturday with a final score of 4-3. The Mules (4-0) remain unde-

feated for four games, the first time such a winning streak has occurred in program history. Eastern had the first goal of the game in the first quarter, but shortly after Freshman James Robinson scored his fourth goal of the season, tying the

score 1-1. Immediately following Robinson's goal, Armstrong scored two consecutive goals, one unassisted and one assisted by freshman teammate John Westendorf. Armstrong totaled three goals within 1:41.

"As a team we have overcome a lot of adversity and have come together in ways that were unexpected in the fall. The goals we set at the beginning of the season are in reach a lot faster than anticipated and the results of our hard work is visible," stated co-captain Westendorf.

As well as being the Mules' third leading scorer, Westendorf was named co-player of the week by the Centennial Conference last week.



Freshman Kevin Kessler beats his opponent to the ball.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

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Baseball team defeats Greyhounds in close contest

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

After being postponed twice, the men's baseball team finally got their opportunity to take on Moravian College, and pulled away with a 6-5 win.

The Mules, led by Sophomore Gregg Burkhardt, came from behind in the seventh inning to take the lead and eventually the win. Burkhardt led the Mules (7-3) with thirteen strikeouts, allowing a mere five hits and one earned run all game. All of these five hits, as well as the run, took place before or during the fourth inning. He also struck out the final five Moravian batters, placing him in a tie with Steven Rau (1994) for the most strikeouts in a single game by a Muhlenberg pitcher. Burkhardt is very pleased

with his performance, and feels as if he can only thank the rest of his teammates for his personal success. "Although I pitched a great game, I would be nothing without our offense. We work hard, day in and day out at practice, and our determination definitely gave us the win against Moravian."

Along with Burkhardt, Sophomore Matt Long also played well and contributed to the Muhlenberg win. Long batted in two runs, which enabled the Mules to take the lead over The Greyhounds.

In the eighth inning, Sophomore C.J. Kessler showed his batting skills as he popped a single base hit into center field, making it his third hit of the game.

The Mules, who are now 7-3, now hold their best record after ten games since 1978.

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— Dad, c. 1969 —

New semester brings in new man -- Ramella

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg Athletics Department recently named a new Athletic Facility and Business Manager. Ray Ramella, a 1999 Syracuse graduate, has taken over as head of the division.

As the Athletic Facility and Business Manager, Ramella is in charge of managing the facility, fields, Memorial Hall and field house, as well as preparing the athletic budget for all of the Muhlenberg sports programs.

Ramella was an Allentown native and 1995 graduate from Allentown Central Catholic High School. In addition, he received a tuition exchange scholarship from Muhlenberg to attend Syracuse University. He received this honor with the aid from his mother, Cathy Ramella, who has been the secretary of the History and

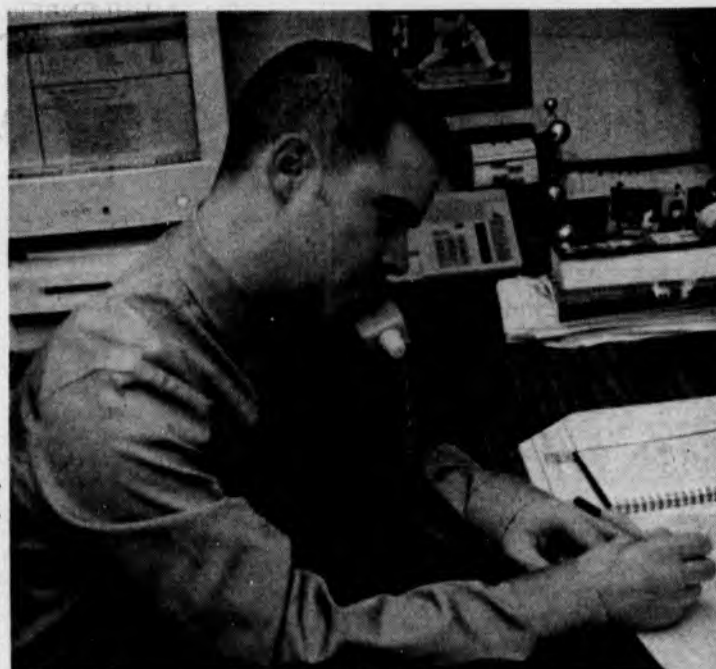
Economics departments at Muhlenberg for the past seven years.

Upon graduation from Syracuse University, Ramella was immediately employed by the Kaylee Scholarship Association for three years. He was the basketball and soccer program director for Kaylee Scholarship Association events, as well as the basketball tournament coordinator.

When Ramella first joined the Kaylee Scholarship Association in 1999, the basketball tournament at the Wide World of Sports in Walt Disney World consisted of only four teams. At the time of his departure in 2002, the tournament had escalated to 96 teams, making it one of the largest high school basketball tournaments in the country.

Through the Kaylee Scholarship

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Athletic Facility and Business Manager Ray Ramella hard at work.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDELL

Men's tennis team wins second straight over Elizabethtown

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The men's tennis team improved their record with a victory over Elizabethtown, 6-1. The Mules (2-0) won five of their six singles matches in straight sets. The team

only dropped a total of fourteen contests in their five wins.

Leading off the singles wins was Sophomore Jeff Kraft over Greg Voshell, 7-5, 6-2. Kraft moved from fourth singles to first singles and he has been unbeatable. Senior Captain Matt Fleissig said, "He plays and frustrates his opponents to no end and they basically give up."

Also winning was Senior Captain Brad Scheller over Sude Dhillon, 6-1, 6-3, Senior Captain Cameron Parke won against Andy Borzok, 6-3, 6, 0. Fleissig took a victory over Miller, 6-0, 6-0. "We are all in better shape then we've ever been and I'm more confident then I've ever been," said Fleissig.

"The three seniors playing the same three spots for the past four years, two, three and four, we shouldn't drop a match in those spots," said Fleissig. "The singles line up is the same as last year and unbelievably strong."

In addition, the doubles teams had great finishes. Kraft and Parke defeated Borzok and Oliveira, 8-1. Freshman Adam Nodiff and Brad Gutwillig defeated Josh Miller and Maurits Dekker, 8-5. These freshmen have shown great potential for helping with the season. In a close match, Voshell and Dhillon of Elizabethtown defeated Scheller and Fleissig, 8-6; however, before today Scheller and Fleissig had a 10-0 record.

The men and women's tennis teams will be competing against Washington (MD.) on Saturday.

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today."

For the third consecutive year, University of Wisconsin La Crosse deservingly captured first place at the NCAA Division III Championship.

The Mules ended the season with two All-American performances and tied for tenth in the final team standings at the NCAA championships. Coach Hackett said, "The fact that we came in tenth in my opinion is incredible, four years ago we were absolutely dead last in the Centennial Conference East, and now being tenth in the country speaks volumes on how the kids

have persevered and are determined to succeed."

In addition, the men finished in second overall within the Centennial Conference.

Elson was one of the two men in the Centennial Conference who received the honors of being named by the Centennial Conference as a men's outstanding athletic performer. Elson received his honor for the track portion of the distinction, along with McDaniel College's Senior Ifeanyi Ani, who received honors for his accomplishments in field events.

Next Week's Schedule

Thursday

Men's golf

Mules at Susquehanna Invitational at 1:00 p.m.

Men's tennis

Mules at Moravian College at 3:00 p.m.

Friday

Softball

Mules at Montclair State - Kean Classic- vs. Ithaca at 10:00 a.m.

vs. Montclair State at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday

Track

Mules at Desales Invitational TBA

Softball

Mules at Montclair State - Kean Classic- vs. Cortland State at

10:00 a.m. and vs. Kean at 12:00 p.m.

Baseball

Mules at Drew University at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Mules vs. Washington (MD.) at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Mules vs. Gettysburg College at 4:00 p.m.

Men and Women's Tennis

Mules at Washington (MD.) at 12:00 p.m.

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Indoor track team places at the NCAA Championships

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

In Indiana, the Mules indoor track men team represented the College at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by DePauw University.

The distance medley relay team, which consisted of Juniors Brian Cash, Josh Cohen, Ben Phillips and Senior Will Elson, brought home a fifth place award. Anchor Senior Will Elson individually took home the silver award in the 1500m, as well.

Under NCAA regulations, to qualify for the competition, entrants must have met the qualifying time or surpassed the times, heights, distances or points listed on the 2003 standards list.

The distance medley's qualifying time of 10:01.59 was the fastest time in Division III for this season. The winning time at the championship, however was 10:10.07, slightly less than ten seconds slower than Muhlenberg's qualifying time.

This mark enabled Cash, Cohen, Phillips and Elson to become the first All-Americans in the history of Muhlenberg track and field. At NCAA's, the top eight finishes in each of the events earned All-American status.

Coach Hackett, the head coach of the Muhlenberg track and field team, could not be more pleased with his relay team. "The DMR team in fifth was extraordinary as well; those guys did a great job," Hackett stated. "Their relay coach, Susan Wallace, deserves all the credit in the world, she has done a great job working with them. She has escalated them to where they are."

Cash said, "Our talent, good coaching and strong work ethic allowed us to accomplish our All-American goal that we made at the beginning of the season."

The Mules' distance medley team, although recording the fastest qualifying time going into NCAA's, was unable to keep the pace up in the championship and crossed the finish line in 10:16.03



Senior Will Elson dashes to the finish, winning a silver in the 1500m.

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seconds, just behind three Wisconsin schools, Oshkosh, LaCrosse and Eau Claire, as well as Trinity College from Connecticut.

The first place time for this event was recorded by Oshkosh with a time of 10:10.07.

Cohen said, "It was my fastest time of the season. We were disappointed at first because we were ranked number one, but we were extremely happy and overwhelmed to be All-American and overall fifth in the country."

"I had a great time at NCAA's with my teammates and it being my senior year, I had one of my most memorable college experiences with these guys," said Elson.

Elson, ended his individual career at Muhlenberg with an incredible finish, finishing with second place in the 1,500m.

He also crushed his own school record with a time of 3:51.57, which was better than the previous Division III season best and the previous track facility record. Placing ahead of Elson was Keene State University Senior Mark Miller, who recorded a personal best time of 3:50.03.

According to the NCAA, Elson's time was Division

III's best ever this season and a track facility record. "It was the perfect scenario, I was definitely happy with my performance, but there was room for improvement and I'm looking forward to the outdoor season," said Elson.

Elson's second place finish is the best ever by the Colleges' teams or athletes at an NCAA championship event.

Coach Hackett expressed, "Individually there is no doubt about it, his second place finish in the country is an incredible and well deserved accomplishment."

Prior to last week, the College's had one team holding the title of the best team NCAA record. This record was held by the men's soccer team in 1995 when they tied for third place at the championships.

Elson said, "It has been an enjoyable senior season and I owe all the credit to Coach Wallace who brought me along to this point. Four-years ago I could have never accomplished all that I have

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Nate Yeasted: Best NCAA finish from a wrestler in College history



Senior Nate Yeasted takes on his opponent.

PHOTO BY BEN PATTON

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

With the best finish from a wrestler in College history, Senior Nate Yeasted placing seventh and went 1-1 on the second day of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships. Yeasted weighed in at the 141 pounds weight class.

Prior to Yeasted, the Mules' only previous All-American was Jason McLean, who was eighth at 141 pounds two years ago.

Yeasted fell in a bout

against Matt Kapraun of Augustana, 7-2. In the seventh-place match he faced Jeff Patzke of Luther.

Yeasted was ahead in the beginning, starting out strong. He took down Patzke with seventeen seconds left in the first period, which allowed him to score an immediate two-point nearfall.

Although he was unable to score another point during the rest of the match, he held on tight to keep his lead and take the win, 4-2.

Yeasted finished his career at the College with

being the second all-time leading winner with a record of 96-44.

Yeasted had a great season and accomplished the goal to make it to the NCAA Division III Championships as well as placing highly in them.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

Identity of new President revealed to campus

BY MATT JAKUBIK
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The College's Board of Trustees confirmed Peyton R. (Randy) Helm as the next President of the College on Monday, March 24. According to Harvey L. Benenson, Chair of the Search Committee, Helm was chosen out of "approximately 122 applicants and nominees," as the College considered a wide variety of candidates for President. They included non-traditional candidates without experience in academics, such as lawyers and businessmen.

Seth Williams '03, a student member of the Selection Committee, said,

"Dr. Helm was a unanimous choice. His keen intellect, and strong leadership experience, coupled with his dynamic personality led to his selection. He will certainly be an asset to Muhlenberg College for many years to come. I am very pleased with his hiring."

Helm graduated Yale University in 1970 and earned his Ph.D. in ancient history at the University of Pennsylvania in 1980. He is currently Vice President for College Relations at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. His wife, Patricia, is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music at Colby. Helm is also a Professor of Classical Studies at Colby College

and held a position teaching ancient history and urban studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He stated that he and his wife wish to continue teaching while at the College and he is currently "looking into" the possibility of teaching a course on ancient history and the classics or on the Homeric epic.

When asked how he became involved in the search process, Helm said, "It's a great mystery." Helm was nominated as a possible President by an alumnus. During the process, Helm said, "My wife and I tried not to get our hearts set on Muhlenberg because we

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New President of the College, Peyton R. Helm, speaks at a press conference announcing his confirmation.

PHOTO BY MATT JAKUBIK

Social life on campus examined

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

In response to the recent increase in the break up of parties on campus, students across campus have acted out verbally against the College Administration and Campus Safety with their disapproval of social life and the need to travel off campus to enjoy a night out on the weekend. The surge of parties being broken up by Campus Safety has left students feeling vulnerable about being caught for drinking and angry that the College has forced students to leave on the weekend.

The main complaint among students on the subject is the amount of party break ups that have occurred this year, which include the break ups at Alpha Epsilon Pi and Ye Old Tavern, the suspension of Tau Kappa Epsilon until 2006 and, most recently, the shut down of a party at Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) on Sat. night. The most recent occurrence at Sig Ep despite not leading to any alcohol related violations,

sparked feelings of anger among students about the threat of parties ending prematurely when they are broken up by Campus Safety. Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, explained that the party was not registered. Lupole commented that the reason he interrupted the party was because "we could hear the party from the road behind the fraternity."

Lupole stated that much of the time, most parties are not even broken up. He said that quite frequently, "We [Campus Safety] will stop by and warn the party involved. We tell them to calm it down." The choice to comply with the warnings, however, is up to those who have been issued the warning, explained Lupole.

Lupole commented that if the people of the party fail to heed the warnings and neighbors make a complaint, Campus Safety has no other choice but to respond and appease the complaints made.

He stated that a lot of the

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Mitzvah Days continue this year to help the community

BY STACY LIPSHUTZ AND
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Weekly News Writers

Students woke up early and put on their old clothes to spend a day painting at a homeless shelter in Allentown. The afternoon was just one of a series of events open to the Campus Community to donate time and energy for helping the surrounding community. Mitzvah Day is a recent addition to the College Community, started two years ago by Mindy Katz '03. However, this year the short run tradition has been changed by the addition of an "s" to the Mitzvah Day title.

Having numerous Mitzvah Days provides students with a greater variety of community service and social action opportunities than one single Mitzvah Day. Ilana Blumenthal '04



Shayna Portney '05 (front) and Karen Paul '06 paint designs on the wall of a homeless shelter during Mitzvah Days.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

explained, "The turnout and response for Mitzvah Day in the past two years was so great that we decided to make it possible for people to help out on a more frequent basis."

Activities range from building a playroom for underprivileged children to picking up Allentown trash.

"I think it's a great oppor-

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A mission for President Helm

With the Presidential Search Committee's work completed, a number of issues stand out as areas that Dr. Randy Helm, the newly selected President, must examine. By no means should the issues below be viewed as a complete list. However, *The Weekly* trusts that Dr. Helm will perform the duties of this position with prudence and selflessness.

Perhaps the foremost difficulty facing the College internally is recovering from the friction between faculty and administration during the tenure of Arthur Taylor. Divisiveness cannot persist as it has in the past. The deep wounds created over the years by scare tactics and heavy-handedness must be healed. *The Weekly* is hopeful that Dr. Helm--drawing from his academic background in ancient history and the classics--will take affirmative steps towards this lofty, yet attainable, goal.

A far less visible, but nevertheless extremely significant, problem is that of the dearth of intellectualism at the College. Despite a number of speakers featured at the College, the spirit on the student body level is one of anti-intellectualism. Having proclaimed that he wishes to "bring the campus life closer to the intellectual life," *The Weekly* is confident that he will undertake this as an initial goal. The process will prove to be arduous and lengthy, but the rewards--a paradigm shift in student mentality towards learning, as well as the society and world in which students live--will be great.

In order for the College to continue its climb into the upper echelon of liberal arts colleges, matters regarding the faculty and public intellectualism must play a key role in the decision-making of eleventh President of Muhlenberg College, Dr. Randy Helm.

Terrorism, oil and ANWR

Ben Long

Weekly Guest Columnist

During the Clinton/Gore years we increased our imported oil from Iraq to 600,000 barrels a day and continue to do so presently. The percentage of imported Persian Gulf oil to the U.S. has risen to 22 percent of our total oil imports. It is not a stretch to maintain that every U.S. penny spent on Persian Gulf oil could be used to support terrorist attacks. It seems ironic to think we give Iraq four billion dollars a year for oil and are fighting a war with them. I think it is time the U.S. weans itself off of this unstable and tumultuous region's oil for the sake of national security, and I present an alternative.

Higher gas standards are the most obvious answer to lessen our Persian Gulf dependence; however, the effect to an already wavering economy might be damaging. Moreover, higher gas standards cannot be put in place overnight. Manufacturers must have

time to implement drastic changes. So why not use our own viable source of oil in the meantime to curb the effect of higher gas standards. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska is the answer.

The most significant opponent to using ANWR's oil is the environmental lobby. They suggest drilling would damage the environment irreversibly and significantly, and I have also heard arguments that there is only a six-month supply to be attained. This is not the case. There are nineteen million acres in ANWR, 1.5 million of which were specifically set aside for oil exploration. But President Bush intends to use only 2000 acres for drilling (.0001 percent). Drilling in .0001 percent of ANWR will cause negligible damage to the environment if at all. Since when are pipelines environmentally dangerous, anyway? Maybe when there is a rare, terrible accident; but we don't discontinue production of automobiles because they might get in an accident. You cannot refuse

to drill on the assumption an accident will happen.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates we have 110 billion barrels of oil on shore in ANWR, as well as 1.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. If their estimates are correct, that is not a six-month supply, but rather a 30-year supply of oil! That is more than five times our oil reserves in 1995 of 21 billion barrels.

The Prudho Bay pipeline in Alaska has existed for 25 years and the Central Arctic Herd of caribou in the area has actually increased from 6,000 to 19,700. Anyone who has studied biology knows that large animals

Letters to the Editor

To Muhlenberg College Students:

We know that the student body has concerns about the social life on our campus and the College is responding in an aggressive manner. Early this

semester emerged as a results of this endeavor including the Pat McGee Concert, the DZ/Sigma Phi Epsilon Dance, the Junior Class/Phi Kappa Tau Black Lite Party and the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Pool tables and foosball and

Social life topic of conversation

Becky Red Door beginning Grace formed a "Programming Group" that includes students from MAC, Greek organizations, athletes and representatives from each class as well as administrators. They meet regularly to determine students' highest priorities for social activities.

Several events that

air hockey games will be available in the planning stage and will be taking place later this semester. In order to support these programming activities, President Steffy has allocated the necessary additional resources.

We also know that there was some discus-

sion of a gathering on Monday to protest the lack of adequate social life activities on the campus. While the issues are certainly valid, the timing for such a demonstration was clearly not good given world events. Student leaders stepped forward and took a proactive position to make sure the issues were addressed, but in a way that did not send out the wrong signal about our campus priorities. We applaud our students for taking this position and demonstrating once again their good judgment. Thanks for being sensible in a difficult time.

-- Rudy Ehrenberg
Dean of Students

To the Editor:

I have a response to Ms. Kleiner's article on "Independent Woman." Ms. Kleiner clearly failed to read my article very carefully. I even wonder about the intentions of her response...perhaps she needed last minute filler for the paper?

She made a grave mistake in implying that I lack intelligence,

Clarifying misconceptions

strength and insight. She obviously does not know me. My words have been misconstrued in her article, in a menial attempt to present herself as a modern feminist.

As Ms. Kleiner quotes, "Playing the damsel in distress may have been popular years ago, but not longer, not for me." If she read my article carefully she would have seen that I do not condone acting as a damsel in distress. I also go on to make reference to the women who walked past us and did not lift a finger to help. She clearly overlooked this. My point was to say that women are just as accountable as men to perform acts of common courtesy; however I feel that it is

regressive as an implied feminist to say that women and men should act as complete equals. I am all for providing fair opportunities. I encourage women to strive and succeed in all aspects of life. However, it is not only important to encourage the success of women, but also to recognize and celebrate gender differences. I am secure enough in my womanhood to admit this, and am more the woman for it.

Do I think that all men are physically stronger than women? Obviously not. But on the whole, it is a well known fact that men are physically stronger in upper body strength. Disputing this fact is futile. In regard to shoveling snow, yes I was fine on my own. I was not calling out for help from these bystanders, but after a certain number of people walk by, you expect an amount of common courtesy. I used the word chivalry not to emphasize the antiquated rituals of the Middle Ages, in which men were expected to dote on women. But rather, I assumed a more modern understanding of the term, regarding a general code of respect among the genders. According to the Merion Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,

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high on the food chain are excellent environmental indicators. If caribou are thriving in Prudho, then the rest of the environment is fine.

If environmentalists are able to see past their incorrect assumptions on ANWR, we can stop supplying radical regimes with the

means to harm Americans while also increasing gas standards over time, which will lower carbon dioxide emissions. We can make strides toward maintaining our beautiful environment while also enhancing national security. It's a win-win situation for everyone -- except, of course, terrorists.

Making social life better



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It has gotten to be the case that almost every week in the "Letters to the Editor" section of this paper, there is someone attacking either clubs or frats. Granted, these attacks might not be explicitly stated, but they are still there. Statements that there is nothing to do on campus are underhanded assaults on the clubs. In turn, you get different clubs lashing out against frats.

The school has been broken up into four groups: clubs, Greeks, Student Council and general populace. Granted, there are a good number of people that interact in these four different aspects of college life, but for the most part, lines have been drawn. These lines cannot be permitted to exist.

Frats are dropping like flies. One of the reasons for this is the mass amount of underage drinking that is associated with them. This is not entirely the fraternities' fault. They do provide entertainment for many students and do pick up some of the slack where clubs falter. This is not to say that the clubs aren't trying; there has to be some initiative by the students.

This leads me to my second problem. Aside from there being a small battle between

the different groups, there is also a lack of general student population. Theoretically, Muhlenberg only takes in about 540 students a year. You would think that with a grand total of approximately 2160 people there would be some uniting force that guides us. It has always been the case that a minority of the populace does a majority of the decision-making. We see it in Congress, with majority rich Caucasian guys running a country that is decidedly neither rich nor, to be frank, Caucasian. Almost everyone is on some mailing list that they've been on since their fall semester freshman year, but that does not show actual involvement. It can be seen in all clubs. A mailing list could include up to 100 people, but actual attendance for some dwindles to about 25 or less. There needs to be a greater sense of involvement among all the people.

These are my qualms with the school and, quite frankly, they're not that hard to resolve. I believe in the Student Council, a committee has been formed that will attempt to unite the clubs and the Council. I propose that club executive

board members meet as a whole at least once a month.

Secondly, I believe that it should be mandatory that students belong to at least one club; this benefits everyone. Aside from raising club attendance and participation by default, it also prepares the students for life. Any person wishing to go on to graduate school would be wise to throw a little community service under his or her belt. Also, after graduation, almost everything has become unionized.

No one is the enemy. One of my favorite quotes is something that Ben Franklin says in the musical *1776*. It is to the extent of, "I have never seen a man eat a bunch of grapes in one sitting; however, I have seen him devour the entire vine one by one." Alone, we are failing, or at least not reaching optimum efficiency. By uniting, we can truly get a lot accomplished.

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Tenth Edition, chivalry is referred to as, "gracious courtesy and high-minded consideration, especially towards women." This is particularly applicable to the treatment of women by men on this campus. We have seen the recent increase of sexual assault against women at Muhlenberg, which only goes to further prove my point of a general underlying lack of respect for women.

In Ms. Kleiner's article she later quotes, "As for the few who stood there and watched...maybe they were thinking how nice it was to see a strong woman exerting a degree of independence and wishing that all of them could do the same." If Ms. Kleiner had actually been there to observe the event, then she would

have seen the blatantly dumb expressions of these bystanders. I highly doubt that those watching me shovel were "admiring my independence, and hoping for others to do the same."

Ms. Kleiner's response in last week's *Weekly* turned a disagreement of opinion into a personal attack, which it did not need to be. So let's keep it personal. I am myself a feminist, but I am not a man hater. I am a hater of the haughty and ignorant, and I am a supporter of the realistic and wise. My advice to you, Ms. Kleiner, is to think first before making arrogant statements that both preach to the choir and at the same time contradict your own goals.

-- Leslie Becker
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Intelligence is defined as the capacity to acquire and apply knowledge. This is the key to any military operation in today's world community, including America's current conflict with Iraq. It is no surprise that there is vocal American opposition. It is important, however, to note that this is the minority. According to the Mar. 22, 2003 issue of *The New York Times*, 76 percent of Americans support a war with Iraq. The only reason I can see why this may be the case is due to Americans faith in our government, (even though we sometimes dismiss it with a grain of salt).

Can I say with no personal certainty that I know that Saddam's government has produced weapons of mass destruction. I do know, however, that we have classified intelligence that no layman can access. Do I have complete faith in the U.S. government? Right now, I do indeed. I have seen a man and a regime that has shown little to no forthrightness the last twelve plus years.



H. MATTHEW MEYERS

There are a number of people who want to know why are we taking action now rather than later. To those individuals I say, take a look at North Korea. Saddam would not be likely to use these weapons tomorrow if the U.S. and coalition had not invaded but down the line what would stop him? This man has used these weapons on the Kurds in his own country and there is no reasonable reason to believe that he would not use them on the people he has a real vendetta against, the Americans.

It is time to stop this man before he becomes a true threat to anyone that opposes him. While there are many Americans today who feel that the real threat to the future is the Bush regime, I say: Give the man time, most presidents do bold things but nothing gets more public scrutiny than war.

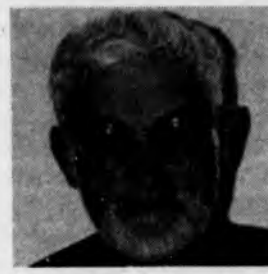
Have faith in the U.S. regime there is a reason we, as a nation have reached the levels that we have in the forefront of technology and intelligence.

When did I become a pacifist? I know the day and the hour and the circumstances. It's often difficult to be a pacifist, and it may only be possible in a world where there are some good people who are not.

Imagine going at dusk through the narrow streets of an unfamiliar neighborhood and encountering a man beating and berating a woman while lonely men in shirt-sleeves lean out of windows watching. What should you do? Make inquiry, asking, "Why are you beating this woman?" Or, more forcefully, voice your objections to the observed behavior.

And, what if you are told, "This is not your neighbor-

hood, and this is none of your business. She is my wife, and I shall treat her as I choose." You may



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believe that you have a moral obligation to intervene. But, if the husband is young and strong, you may feel that any physical attempt to intercede may lead to your suffering bodily harm.

A moral obligation may seem far less compelling when the

costs of conviction are high. And, are there not other values that should be considered? He is right; this is not your neighborhood, and this is a domestic affair. It is possible, too, that were you to intercede, you might incur the wrath of his wife. She did not ask for your assistance. And the watching neighbors, they have thus far done nothing, and may, indeed, be incensed should you, an outsider, impose your values, which may not be theirs.

Let's go back to the beginning of the story. Perhaps it is best to just cross to the other side of the street. Maybe, sometime later, call 911.

Weekly Discourse:

I spent Spring break in a small town in Mexico and every place I went, Mexicans expressed their horror at the prospect of a U.S. war in Iraq. I felt ashamed to be an American. Does this make me unpatriotic? I marched for civil rights, I marched against the war in Vietnam, I marched against U.S. policies in Central America, and I have marched against this war because I believed it was my patriotic duty to insist that the leaders of this country uphold the principles for which it stands -- freedom, democracy and self-determination.

In order to protect its economic interests, the U.S. has often used the concepts of democracy and freedom as justification for foreign interventions that undermined freedom and democracy. In the name of fighting communism, our government has overthrown democratically elected governments in Indonesia, in Iran, in Guatemala and in Chile. In the 1980s,

Ronald Reagan created a mercenary army to overthrow the democratically elected government of Nicaragua.

Communism is dead, but the U.S. has found a new enemy to justify its military buildup and



DR. ANNA ADAMS

desire to control the world's resources. This enemy has no national boundaries. It lives in the caves of Afghanistan, in the back streets of Pakistan, in the small villages of Iraq. It is the followers of Osama bin Laden and other Muslims who see the United States, as the enemy.

We call this new enemy terrorism, but the U.S. has supported terrorist regimes before

-- apartheid South Africa, the Taliban and even Saddam Hussein come immediately to mind. The current war against Iraq is, in my opinion, business as usual with a 21st century twist.

The U.S. has orchestrated many regime changes in the past, very few of which brought positive changes to the citizens of those countries. A regime change in Iraq will not eliminate the enemy. History tells us that it will not bring democracy or freedom to the Iraqi people. It will most likely bring civilian deaths and destruction and inspire more attacks on the U.S.

President Bush says, "If you're not with us, you're with the terrorists." To his way of thinking, to be patriotic is to support the war. I am not with Bush and I am not sure who the terrorists are, but I do know that it is my responsibility as a patriotic citizen to demand that the U.S. honor the ideals upon which it was founded.

We are at war, and according to the latest *Washington Post* poll, 30 percent of Americans still believe we should not confront the threat posed by Saddam Hussein and his outlaw regime. The problem is that this 30 percent does not provide an alternative solution to deal with a dictator who has violated all seventeen United Nations mandates since the end of the Gulf War in 1991.

Saddam Hussein is seeking refuge in the appeasers of the United Nations Security Council. Diplomacy has unfortunately run its final course, when the Iraqi regime did not abide by unanimous U.N. Resolution 1441, calling for the full and immediate disarmament of the Iraqi regime. States such as France and Russia still do not want to hold Saddam Hussein accountable for his illegal chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Setting aside the fact that France and Russia have sold billions in weapons and technology to Saddam Hussein, these two nations once shared a similar tune when a little known dic-

tator named Adolf Hitler was threatening Europe in the 1930s. Like Hitler, Hussein is an anti-Semitic thug who has killed an incomprehensible amount of his own people. It was none other than France and Russia who would not confront Hitler and his numerous viola-

tions of the Treaty of Versailles. Sound familiar? Millions of executions later, the United States confronted this threat and liberated Europe.

I am proud that leaders of 45 countries, including George W. Bush and Tony Blair, have set aside political differences to confront this inevitable threat. Nobody wants to go to war, but you have to be living in Fantasy Land to think it's never necessary. If it was not for war, we would have never won our independence, never would have ended slavery and never would have brought down Hitler's Nazi regime. The brave actions of the men and women in our nation's military give us the peace and security that we constantly take for granted.



STEVEN L. KREIDER

After one week of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I remain confused about where I stand. Both compelling Pro- and Anti-war arguments can be made. What's worse, the mouthpieces for the two constituencies have resorted to using disingenuous 'sound-bite propaganda.'

Let's look at the arguments. Is this war about bringing freedom to the Iraqi people? No. After all, our allies in the region are not currently, nor plan to become democracies. When the democratically elected parliament in Turkey voted rebuffed American use of Turkey as a Northern front, we collectively punished them with economic and political threats.

But is this a war for oil? Please. If we wanted cheap oil, we could have taken over Iraq twelve years ago. Lifting the economic sanctions would be much cheaper. Is this a war against Islam? If it is, why are we attacking the most secular nation in the area? Is it a

Bush family vendetta? I'm not so cynical that our leaders would allow so many deaths to settle a personal score.

Tony Blair's advocates well for war; Hussein must be removed because he is a demonstrated aggressor, possesses and has used weapons of mass destruction, and has alliances with people bent on America's destruction. Terrorists and those who support them must be dealt with now or their evil will surely metastasize. (e.g., Bali,

Kenya). If Hussein's weapons are so threatening, why the year and a half delay in disarming him? Is removing Hussein worth transforming our nation's role in the world to that of an imperialistic power? Bush diminishes Blair's arguments with his theocentric approach, insinuating that God is guiding his judgment, and that through God we will prevail. Such rhetoric can be easily interpreted as a war against Islam. As you can see, I'm confused.



DR. JEFFREY
RUDSKI

As the war in Iraq rages on, I find myself questioning how I feel about the decision of the Bush administration to choose to engage in war. Although it is something that I rarely do, I find myself agreeing with George Bush and supporting the war.

Bush has stated that the war in Iraq is about disarmament -- preventing a government that is sympathetic to terrorism for producing weapons of mass destruction. While I recognize that this is a reason for invading any nation, I am more apt to support this war on the basis of removing a regime. Instilling a democratic government in Iraq will make extremely valuable contributions to the war on terrorism as well as aide in restoring order to the Middle East.

Whether or not Iraq has weapons of mass

destruction is irrelevant in the long run. It is not the state which threatens our way of life. Terrorism, is not about governments



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that have weapons. It's about the people we can't associate with a state. It is the people who have no one to answer to but themselves and their misconceptions about god.

If the U.S. removes Saddam from power and assists the Iraqi people in developing a more progressive, dem-

ocratic government, it could have a positive effect on the entire Middle East. Iran is a country whose people have been given a taste of democracy and desire more of it. The creation of a democratic state in Iraq could be just what Iran and others need to help them take the final steps of transformation.

The time is now to take action against countries that are unwilling to be responsive to the needs of their people, harbor terrorism and fail to abide by demands of the U.N. President Bush is being proactive in his approach to terrorism instead of simply being reactive to attacks on our interests. As long as Bush does what his father failed to do -- finish the job he started, this war can only be beneficial in the long run.

The conflict in Iraq

Now that the United States (along with its small international coalition) has begun dropping bombs on Iraq, as a nation, our focus needs to shift. For the past six months, we have polarized ourselves into two camps -- those who support war and those who do not. Now, instead of blindly rallying around the flag and supporting the war just so we do not appear unpatriotic, we need to unite behind a common goal of educating ourselves.

In this time of war, our primary responsibility is to stay informed. This does not require watching CNN 24 hours a day. The permeation of the Internet throughout our society allows us to have access to a wide range of new outlets -- both mainstream and otherwise. While all of us know how to access *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, a

plethora of alternative sources also exists. One of my favorite sites is truthout.org. Truthout provides a variety of opinion pieces, editorials and statements from government officials



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that sometimes go ignored by mainstream publications.

In educating ourselves, we also need to begin to move beyond the war itself and start considering what is going to happen in Iraq when the bombing ceases. I keep hearing the U.S. government promise to "rebuild" Iraq and "liberate" the Iraqi people. My questions

today focus around what type of government is going to emerge. Will the Iraqi people have the option of choosing their own form of government, even if that government is not capitalist and democratic?

My fear is that the U.S. will attempt to establish a government that is conducive to its own desires without much concern for the traditions and customs of the Iraqi people. Once the war is finished, we need to allow the Iraqi people the freedom we have promised them.

They need to examine their own infrastructure and decide what political and economic systems will fit best within the constructs of their own traditions. The new government in Iraq will need a strong coalition of international support, not international control.

As I write, American armored columns are rolling through the Iraqi desert towards Baghdad. No one doubts that our military machine will triumph over the ill-equipped Iraqi army. Let us ask what such a victory will mean.

It will not mean a victory in the war on terrorism. Despite the Bush Administration's efforts to cast the invasion as a war of liberation, when Saddam Hussein's regime falls, U.S. troops will assume the role of an occupying army and as such will generate resentment, especially among those inclined toward extremism. Far from enhancing our security, a military victory may make us even more vulnerable to terrorism. Nor will it mean the affirmation of justice and the rule of law in the international order. President Bush's eagerness to "go it alone" against a

country whose threat was neither immediate nor self-evident, has strained our capacity to build the kind of international institutions needed to contain terrorists and WMD.



DR. GIACOMO
GAMBINO

What will a military victory mean? It will mean the triumph of a new and dangerous foreign policy. As stated in the National Security Doctrine published last September, the U.S. is moving away from a paradigm of international cooperation to one which aims to preserve U.S. military hegemony in the world haunted by the shadowy network

of global terrorism. From now on the U.S. reserves itself the right to attack those countries deemed to be developing WMD or harboring terrorists. It reserves the right to determine whose sovereignty is to be respected and whose is not. And it reserves the right to divide the world into "good" and "evil." A military victory in Iraq will only confirm the President's messianic ambitions "to rid the world of evil" in order to "keep the world safe from terror."

A victory in Iraq will be a harbinger of neither justice nor peace, but rather of the continuation of an ill-defined, potentially interminable war on terrorism. Last week's opening salvos on Baghdad have now revealed the twin specters of our new age -- terrorism and the crusade to eradicate it at any cost.

Teach-in answers war questions for students

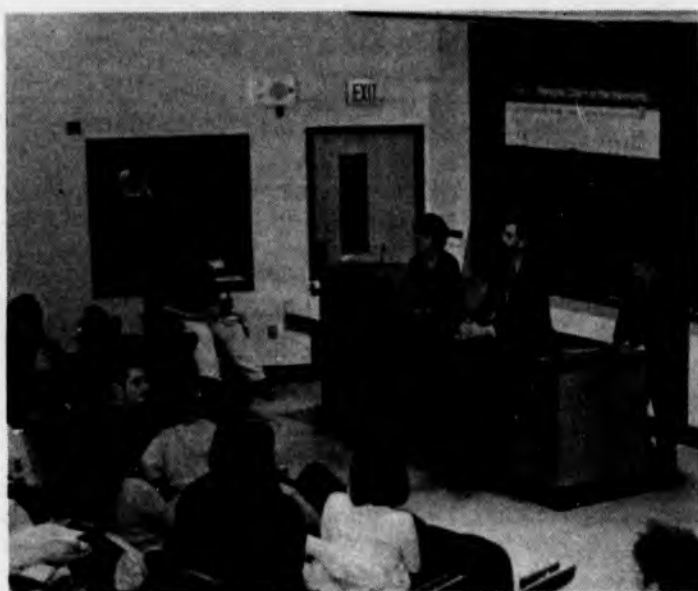
BY AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

In an effort inform the College Community about the war, the teach-in last Thursday brought several faculty members up to the microphone to speak about the current events.

Dr. Marjorie Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Ethics, was very pleased with last Thursday's event. Despite any political stance, Hass feels no one can go to war without a heavy heart. She was pleased to see that we are a community that can come together in the spirit of teaching and learning.

Hass received requests from a number of the faculty to plan something around the Iraq situation. The mission of the teach-in was clear to everyone: this should be an opportunity for students to learn, not a rally or a demonstration promoting one side or another.

On Monday it became clear that war was imminent, and it was determined that the teach-in should be held Thursday. Twenty-six faculty members from twelve departments held information sessions covering topics including the history of US-Iraq foreign policy, religious and international perspectives on the war, media coverage, social protest, the psychology of war and chemical and bio-



Several professors of the College conduct informational sessions in order to better inform the College Community of the situation behind the war in Iraq.

PHOTO BY STACEY SPECTOR

logical warfare.

Reaction to the teach-in has been incredibly positive, with only a few complaints. "I only wish that classes had been cancelled," said Lydia Brubaker '05, "so that I could have attended more of the sessions. I hope that there will be similar events in the coming weeks, so that we can continue our discussion and learning experience as a campus community."

Despite classes, attendance was high. Hass also noted the high level of commitment from the faculty and the staff.

Hass felt it was "so great to have the opportunity to sit next to my students and

learn from my colleagues... [I] felt proud and pleased to be part of the faculty."

"The teach-in was a fantastic idea," said Brubaker. Dr. Mohsin Hashim, Assistant Professor of Political Science, said, "Gathering together with fellow students and faculty members to ask questions and learn more about the world situation was definitely helpful for me in dealing with my own worries and confusion concerning the war."

He hopes the sessions have helped to raise awareness about the complexity of the problem, noting that academics hate oversimplification of issues. For his

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Study abroad in the midst of war

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

In the midst of war, several students from the College are far from home as they complete their study abroad experience in countries around the world. While college officials assent that the abroad students are safe, the students share their concerns and experiences about wartime.

Sixty-two students from the College are currently studying outside of the United States in countries including Scotland, Ireland, England, Australia, Denmark, Italy, Spain, France, Czech Republic, Ecuador and Ghana. According to Susan Norling, International Programs Coordinator, no abroad students from the College are in countries where "anything active is taking place."

Norling said, "We have a general policy that we do not send any students to a country in which we have a travel warning. If a travel warning were imposed, then the student would be removed." She explained that notices from the State Department about the status of all countries come in the form of public announcements, worldwide cautions and the most severe, travel warnings. The College receives updates on global status regularly, and study abroad students are provided with the latest updates before their departure,

along with information on how to follow the global status in their respective country.

When war broke out last week, the College sent a letter to all study abroad students and their parents to assure them that they are safe.

The experiences of students while outside of the country during the war have been varied. "I live right next to the American Embassy, and I can tell when it has been a bad war day by how many people are protesting," said Sarah Johnson '04. "There are always at least 20 police officers and a wartank parked outside. The area is all fenced off." Johnson is studying in Quito, Ecuador where President Lucio Guitierrez has declared himself and the Ecuadorian Congress against the war.

Elizabeth McConnell '04 has also had a different experience being away from home during wartime. Studying at the University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland, she said, "There was an anti-war demonstration the other day made up mostly of high school students which actually stopped traffic on one of the three streets in St. Andrews."

McConnell explained that oftentimes she is expected to represent the U.S. "Being the only American in my group of friends, I am often

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knew that there were many other excellent applicants. It's an easy place to fall in love with."

Helm began his speech by explaining why he chose to pursue this opportunity. He said, "Colleges like Muhlenberg play a tremendously important role in our society. They help [students] develop their full potential." He stated that a private analyst said that the position at the College was the best opportunity for a college president this year.

When questioned on whether he will attempt to integrate student interaction with his position, Helm said, "My wife and I wish to get to know as many stu-

dents as possible."

Helm will meet with each of the campus constituencies, first with faculty. Among his plans for his Presidency, Helm wishes to "bring the campus life closer to the intellectual life of the campus."

Regarding diversity at the College, he explained, "It's a matter of culture and people of different cultures being able to thrive here...not just an issue of recruitment." Helm and his wife are happy to return to this area as they began their marriage here several years ago. Helm said, "It's very appropriate that we come back to this area for our next set of adventures."

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Gulf War veteran speaks to students

By MICHELLE QUIRK
Weekly News Writer

Ellen Barfield of Baltimore has visited Iraq four times. She recently spent five weeks there with the Iraq Peace Team of Voices in the Wilderness from Dec. 2002 until Jan. 2003.

Tuesday evening, Barfield spoke about her recent trip to Iraq and led a discussion about the current state of affairs in Iraq, concentrating upon the feelings of the Iraqi people toward their country and toward the United States.

Barfield led her discussion about life in Iraq claiming that it continues to suffer the effects of twelve years of economic sanctions and now, war.

Showing slides of her visits to hospitals in both Basra and Baghdad, Barfield explained that with the economic sanctions, ample care can not be administered to

the sick. "Doctors used one needle over and over again on the same person until the tip was too dull and could no longer pierce the skin," said Barfield.

Barfield cited various references to prove that radioactive material left over from U.S. weapons in the Gulf War has seriously increased the cancer rate as well as the rate of congenital deformities in the Iraqi population, especially in southern Iraq where most of the fighting occurred.

Barfield said, "The U.S. government would not allow the World Health Organization to perform any research in the area, though the statistics were recorded by Iraqi doctors."

In the 1980s, Barfield said that Iraq had a relatively successful healthcare and educational system which has always been provided by the government. "While Hussein has always been politically oppressive to his opponents, he has never

been physically oppressive to his people," said Barfield. "Now, however, the country lacks the resources to provide medical aid to the people due to the economic sanctions."

During the Gulf War, Barfield explained that some of the military targets included those which would potentially damage the civilian population, including water supply stations. In hopes that the Iraqi people would become moved enough to rise up against Hussein, Barfield asked, "How can starving, dying civilians overthrow a government?"

When asked about the sentiments of the Iraqi people in regard to the American presence in their country, Barfield said, "There is no doubt that the Iraqi people want a better leader," but added, "No one wants that end accomplished by war."

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tunity for the campus to come together and do something good for the Allentown community. I plan on being there every year for the rest of my Muhlenberg experience," said Olga Chernov '05.

Ali Pofsky '04, coordinator of many of the Mitzvah Days activities, explains, "In focusing our resources on the wonderful ongoing community service projects Muhlenberg students are involved in every day, Hillel and the Office of Community Service are demonstrating the real value of social justice work and ensuring that the service in which we are involved is actually benefiting the community rather than merely making Muhlenberg students feel good about themselves."

She further commented that, "For me, the restructuring of Mitzvah Day represents the vibrancy and growth of community service at Muhlenberg rather than a destruction."

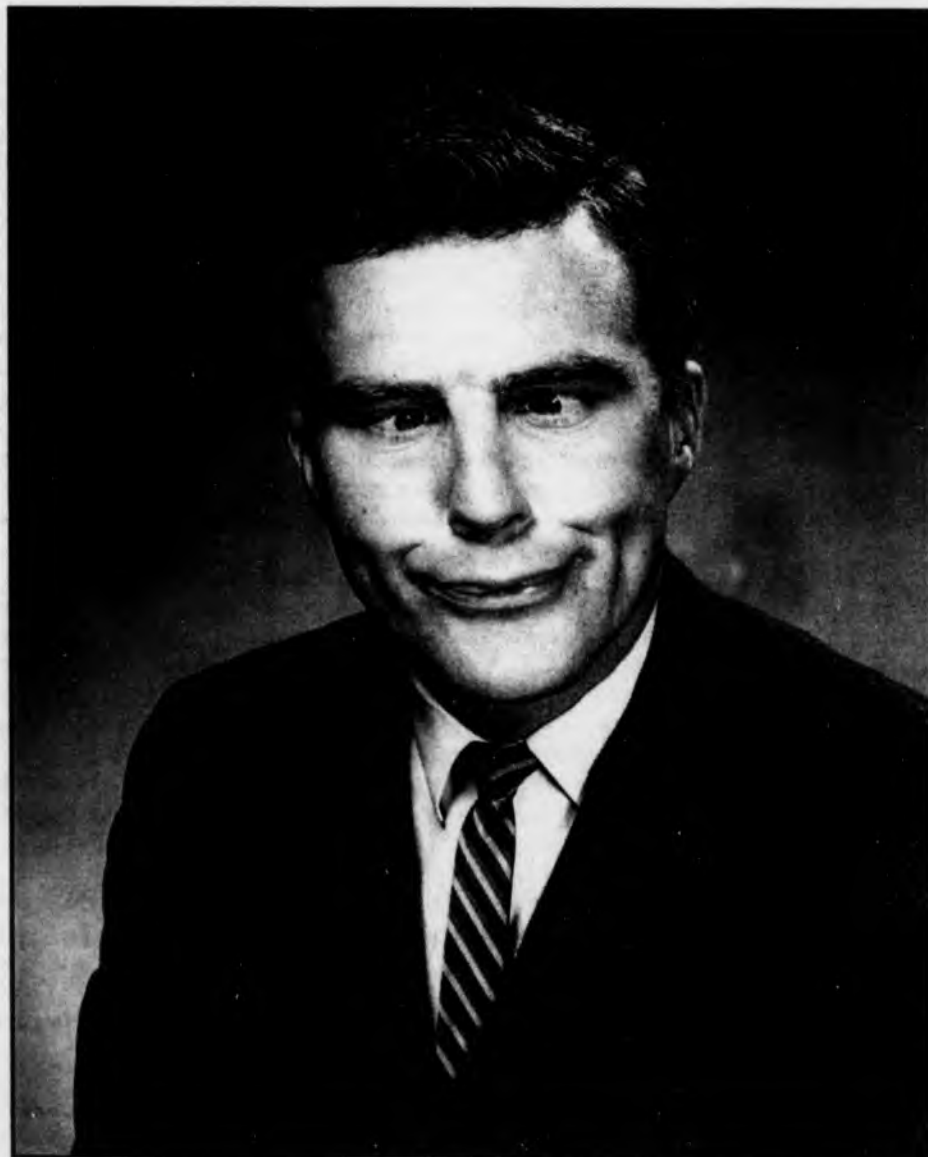
While many students of

the College are already involved in the projects listed for Mitzvah Days, the organizers hope that Mitzvah Days will also serve as a list of recommended activities students can become involved in if they are not already involved in community service.

There are several new projects listed on the flyer for this year, including Lehigh River Clean-Up, Books for the Blind and Kidspace Seder. Regardless of minor problems present in past executions of Mitzvah Day, the end result of these community service activities has always been successful, according to the students involved.

Students have enjoyed participating in each of the Mitzvah Days events and look forward to continuing the projects each year.

Gabe Feinberg '04 deeply enjoyed his experience with the Mitzvah Days operation. "Mitzvah Days was definitely worthwhile, I enjoyed every second of it, from the logistics to the jiggy after party," he said.



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Truman Scholarship finalist from College

BY WENDY EICHLER
Weekly News Writer

Due to her research in environmental and labor health for children, Lindsey Moore '04 has been recognized as a Truman Scholarship Finalist. The Truman Scholarship, an extremely competitive merit-based award, is granted to juniors in college who plan to go onto graduate school for a career in public service. The scholarship recognizes outstanding potential as a leader in pub-

lic service, and winners receive a grant of \$30,000, \$27,000 of which is designated for graduate study.

"Since the beginning of last semester, I did an independent study with Dr. Tammy Lewis [of the Sociology/Anthropology Department]," Moore said. Her independent study work involved child labor issues for her Dana Scholars Program, and gradually she narrowed down her topic to focus on "a minor aspect of child health issues" that she used for the policy proposal section of the Truman

Scholarship application. The application requires a thorough investigation of a targeted problem within a specific aspect of public policy, and a proposed solution to the problem. Moore's policy proposal was "directed towards the EPA [Environmental Protection Agency]," she said. The EPA regulates human pesticide exposure with a directive called Restricted Entry Interval (REI), which is the amount of time between when fields are sprayed with pesticides and the time at which workers are allowed back into the field to continue working. The problem that Moore identified involved the standards the EPA used to gauge the REI. Workers aged ten and older "are legally allowed to work in the field, but they don't weigh the standard 154 pounds used to calculate the REI," explained Moore. She said that many workers also bring infants to work because they cannot afford childcare, providing an unhealthy exposure to pesti-

cides to people unaccounted for by the REI. In her Truman application, Moore proposed that the EPA "reevaluate the REI and adjust it to cover anyone in the field," and provided background information to the problem, delineated steps in the solution and accounted for possible obstacles that could be encountered in the process.

According to Dr. Giacomo Gambino, the College's Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative, five finalists and one winner of the Truman Scholarship have come from the College in the past five years. As Faculty Representative, Gambino coordinated Moore's entire application process in helping to identify her as a possible applicant for the Truman, extensively shaping her application to make it competitive and setting up two mock interviews. Gambino discussed the difficulty he and Moore experienced with shrinking her policy proposal down to only 500 words.



Lindsey Moore is a Truman Scholarship Finalist.

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He said Moore was, "persistent in working on this application from April to January because it takes a long time to get the writing done in the right way... she fits the profile of a Truman Scholar."

The Truman Scholarship winners are selected after a competitive and thorough selection process. First, an institution chooses its nominees in a process established by the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative. Out of the approximately 600 students nominated each year, the Truman Foundation committee

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Emmaus - Fearing liability for an act of terrorism that might strike Emmaus High School students planning trips to Europe, the East Penn School Board on Monday discussed the possibility of canceling four such trips scheduled to begin in April. School directors agreed parents should decide for their own children, and that even if they felt it was dangerous, the board could not dictate whether people could travel. However, they did decide to get more information on the district's liability insurance. Superintendent Alrita L. Morgan said she thought the trips should continue as planned. Her first concern is the students' safety, she said.

Allentown - One of two men charged in a knife-point robbery at an Allentown diner has been sentenced to two to eight years in state prison. Jose R. Decelis, 32, formerly of N. Eighth Street, Allentown, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the November 2001 robbery at Dina's Diner, 731 Tilghman St. Charged with Decelis was Alex D. Ortiz, 27, no address, who also pleaded guilty to conspiracy and will be sentenced in April. Lehigh County Judge William H. Platt recently sentenced Decelis, who originally was charged with robbery, conspiracy, theft and related offenses. According to police, a waitress working the overnight shift on Nov. 13, 2001, initially thought that the two men who were drinking hot chocolate in the diner were typical customers.

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asked to explain the reasons why the U.S. is leading an attack on Iraq, and this is a question I really don't have any answers for. I've come across some verbal abuse, but nothing personal or troubling," McConnell said.

Johnson explained her unique position as an American in Ecuador. "As an American student, there are definitely stereotypes applied to me, one of them now including that since I am a U.S. citizen, I am in favor of the war. This is the opinion of the common Ecuadorian, however, University students are a little more open-minded," said Johnson.

Both McConnell and Johnson have tried to follow the news since the war began. Johnson explained the difficulty of following news on the war while in Ecuador. "It is hard to understand what is going on by watching CNN in Spanish, because you can hear Bush speaking in English and the translator in Spanish at the same time," she said.

Both students explained that they feel safe abroad. "I

feel like I am safer in the small town of St. Andrews rather than the States," said McConnell. "I plan to travel around the UK and over to Spain within the next two weeks. While I am a little nervous, I have to realize that incidents can happen anywhere, either home or abroad. I've decided that being in Europe is something that I might never get to do again, and I have to make the most of my time here."

Dr. George Heitmann, Professor of Economics and Head Dean of International Programs, explained that some students may feel that "[the war] is all the more reason [to study abroad]... There is more reason to learn about the world now. There is more need to know the world and not to live in ignorant isolation."

Students for next year are still planning to travel abroad. "Interest is strong. It is comparable or slightly above this year," said Norling.

McConnell commented on her wartime study abroad experience that, "I worry sometimes, but there is nothing I can do except hope that this is resolved quickly."

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Speaking about how Iraqi citizens feel about Americans aside from the United States government, she said, "The hospitality toward Americans among the Iraqi people is amazing. While they denounce President Bush, they realize that the people are not the government."

In discussing the potential outcomes of the war, Barfield said that the United States would set in place, "a different, but equally oppressive puppet regime," and that "it will take a very long time for the United States government not to be hated by people from around the world."

To Barfield, a woman who served in the U.S. military, "the United States is undoubtedly attempting to dominate the world, beginning with Iraq."

To the students and faculty of the College, in addition to every citizen, she reminds us, "In war, truth is the first casualty."

She urges every individual to obtain valid information before taking a stance on any issue, including the war in Iraq.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-Storms	Rain
High: 60 Low: 37	High: 66 Low: 42	High: 51 Low: 28

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selects 225 Truman Finalists who go through a grueling interview with a selection panel. Moore's interview was held Feb. 28. The winners were announced on Mar. 25. Unfortunately, Moore did not receive the award.

Lewis, Moore's Dana Scholars program mentor, worked with Moore on a regular basis in search of possible topics that were most relevant to the Truman, but most intriguing to her.

Lewis said it was "great to work with a student who is so self-motivated" and enjoyed learning along with Moore about the child labor laws in the U.S.

"It's a long process and it seems like a lot at certain points, but it's well worth it," Moore said. She felt she gained much experience from the entire application process - she was able to narrow down her area of interest that she will pursue after college, expand her knowledge of how public policy process works, and learn fundamental interview skills.

After graduating from the College, Moore hopes to study international health and health services at Boston University, Harvard University, George Washington University or Johns Hopkins University.

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time, "students come to conclusions that are wrong." Lupole said that when students draw false conclusions about the reason for the break up of parties, they develop incorrect ideas about the reasons why Campus Safety responded to the party in the first place.

"We live in an area that is filled with all sorts of residents...that is not just made up of students," said Lupole.

According to Lupole, Campus Safety responds to and breaks up parties that are identified by noise complaints from neighbors not simply because Campus Safety got wind of a party. "We can't control the neighbors," stated Lupole.

In an effort to speak out against the College Administration, a rally and protest against the College and its supposed failure to provide students with a sufficient amount of activities on weekends was planned to take place underneath Victor's Lament on the front lawn on Monday.

The idea of the protest and rally originated from a lone instant message that found its way to a few select students who got the wheels turning, and word of the rally spread quickly around campus. In addition to the instant messages sent out,

flyers were posted around campus to advertise the protest on the College Green, though the source remains unknown.

Word eventually reached student leaders who put the protest to rest in hopes of maintaining "campus priorities" during a time of war, according to Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students.

This anger towards the Administration comes as a sign that some students feel a change needs to be made in the social code on campus in terms of social events and the use of alcohol at those events.

On the subject of the protest, Elizabeth Einhorn '05, Student Council Representative and Chair of the Campus Safety Committee, stated, "Students feel the Administration is against them."

She went on to say that she "supports students going about expressing their opinions," however, "the key thing for students to recognize is that we need to work with the Administration, not against them."

If students are upset with the present social conditions on campus, it is recommended that they plead their case to those who are responsible for shaping the Social Code on campus.

According to Ehrenberg, "if you or anyone else has

thoughts on ways it [the social code] might be improved, we are receptive to those."

He said the Social Code is reviewed throughout the year. He stated, "as a matter of routine, at the end of the year, Jane [Schubert] and I talk to members of the process (committees and judicial advisors)."

As far as review of the College's policy towards drinking, Ehrenberg commented, "we'll always go through a review. I would never say we're not going to make major changes because you never know."

Although the Social Code is always up for review and some changes may be made to the alcohol policy, the College cannot ignore a party that has obvious underage drinking occurring.

According to Einhorn, "The Administration can't condone underage drinking." She stated that drinking among students is going to happen whether it takes place at the College or off campus. "If this kind of behavior is going to happen, then we must have it done safely," said Einhorn.

Einhorn noted that in an effort to appease student disapproval of the social life on campus, she is working on a shuttle bus system that can be used by students traveling to different bars in the area, rather than driving themselves.

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session, Hashim chose to focus on the aftermath of the war, noting that "winning the war is the easy part. Winning peace is much harder."

Dr. Lisa Perfetti, Assistant Professor of French has been incorporating Iraq into her classes on an almost daily basis since last Wed.

She noted that "understanding other perspectives on the world should be an important part of the mission of teaching languages and cultures."

In the session "International Perspectives on the War," both Perfetti and Dr. Erika Sutherland, Assistant Professor of Spanish, explained that European papers do not present the illusion of being centrist news sources as American papers do. Papers will lean left or right and will make their ideology known.

Sutherland is also incorporating international news into her Spanish classes. "War is too important to let pass by without discussing it and putting it into some kind of rational, historical, and even emotional context," she said.

Perfetti was also amenable to further programs, noting that the faculty has expressed interest for future sessions.

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 18 - Assault - There was a simple assault reported in Walz Hall. The incident that involved two students resulted in the arrest of Peter Schlossstein '06 for simple assault on the other student.

Mar. 19 - Harassment - There was a reported student on student harassment incident in Walz Hall. The student who perpetrated the harassment has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 19 - Lost Property - A student's parking permit was lost.

Mar. 20 - Theft - The candy machine that sat in the Red Door Café was stolen. The machine was believed to be filled with gumballs.

Mar. 21 - Fight - There

was a fight in Prosser Hall that involved one student and two non-students. The student was referred to the Judicial Process and the two non-students were given letters of trespass.

Mar. 21 - DUI - David Brown '04 was arrested for driving while under the influence.

Mar. 21 - Breaking and Entering - There was a reported break in at the ATO house. The culprits are unknown.

Mar. 21 - Trashing - There was reported destruction of the toilet dispenser in the first floor Prosser bathroom along with some garbage strewn through the hall.

Mar. 21 - Harassment - There was a reported student-on-student harassment

incident in Prosser Hall. The case has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 21 - Vandalism - "Yay Muhlenberg" was reportedly written on the door to the Underground at Martin Luther Hall.

Mar. 21 - Social Code Violation - A freshman student who had a car on campus illegally has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 21 - Theft - A sum of \$22 was reported missing at Residential Services in Seegers Union.

Mar. 21 - Fire Safety Violation - There were several candles found burning unattended at the Hillel House.

Mar. 21 - Alcohol Violation - Ronald M.

Meinders '05 was arrested in the Trexler parking lot for being in violation of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The passenger, Mathew J. Kastoro, a non-student from Jackson, NJ was arrested for public drunkenness and possession of a false ID.

Mar. 22 - Fire Alarm - A false alarm was reportedly pulled at East Hall. The alarm is currently under investigation.

Mar. 22 - Alcohol Violation - A non-student underage drinker was arrested and charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

Mar. 22 - Theft of Service - A false parking sticker was discovered in a car parked on 26th street.

Mar. 22 -

Vandalism/Trashing - Food was found scattered through the hallway of Prosser Hall.

Mar. 22 - Injured Student - A student suffered from an injury as a divider fell from its sturdy position. The student was transported to I-78 and Cedar Crest Hospital.

Mar. 23 - Unsecure Property - Three exterior doors of the TKE fraternity house were left open and unguarded.

Mar. 23 - Fire Alarm - Steam from the shower at 2235 Gordon St. caused the fire alarm to sound.

Mar. 23 - Simple Assault - There was a simple assault reported in Seegers Union. The assault left one individual, Mark Gollob '05, arrested for disorderly conduct and simple assault.

WEEKLY

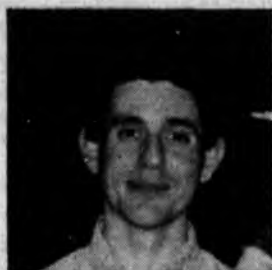
life!**"Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well."****-- Josh Billings****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****WHAT IS VICTOR'S LAMENT, REALLY?****"It looks like a Mule taking a dump."****--Dr. Rudski,
Associate Professor of
Psychology****"Two people doin' it,
isn't it?"****--Nick Scarduzio '04****"A hunk of junk."****--Carin Minchew '06****"It's...uh...me!"****--Ryan Kovalsky '05****"A self-portrait of
Arthur Taylor."****--Chris Hayes '04**COMPILED BY MATT MEYERS,
AMANDA PHILLIPS AND RACHEL SCHATZ**Making moving music at
A Capella Fest 2003****The Dynamics were one of the six groups to perform at the A Capella Fest, which was held to benefit Camp Imagine.**

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

By JOHN DUNPHY
Online Editor

Anybody with a set of pipes was there. A cappella groups from three different northeast colleges got together and helped raise money for Camp Imagine, a performing arts camp. Imagine allows middle school students throughout Allentown to learn about the different facets of various performing arts like theater, dance and music.

This past Saturday, the festival itself was the brainchild of the Girls Next Door, the College's all-girl a cappella group. For the past two years, they have been putting this event on and raising money for Camp Imagine.

The College put forth its singing groups: a ca Fellas, the Girls Next Door and the Dynamics. Drew University sent their group, 36 Madison Avenue--more informally called 36 Mad Ave. Another group that performed was 8 Beat Measure from Rochester Institute of Technology. Each school performed

extraordinarily, and even more amazing was that each school had a unique sound. Whether it was clothing, choreography or even the sound itself, each group was completely independent from the next.

Something that caught the attention of the audience was the selection of songs. Songs ranged from Elton John's "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" to the Dynamics' rendition of "Chili Con Carne." The group 8 Beat Measure brought a whole new spin the singing. Instead of the more familiar songs typically sung for a cappella performances, 8 Beat Measure was unique. Linkin Park's "In the End" and the Ramones' "Spiderman" are just two of their exciting pieces.

In addition to the music, there was a definite sense of comedy in the air. The group 36 Mad Ave performed Tenacious D's "Tribute." Also, the hosts--Jed Baker, Matt Kelley and Dori Kavanagh--kept the audience laughing with their skits between each per-

formance. The acts helped to both entertain and introduce the next singing sensation.

"We were approached by the Girls Next Door to help host the a cappella fest," stated Baker. In addition to playing host, Jed Baker also sang with the Dynamics. "[The Girls Next Door] did an awesome job. I think it would be cool if we had one of these [shows] every semester."

The College's newest singers, a ca Fellas, were ecstatic to perform. They had just come together last semester, and although they had performed before, this event gave them publicity.

Outside Empie, shirts and baked goods made by the performers were sold. There was a 50/50 raffle that awarded \$83, which the winner gave back to the camp to help with fund-raising even more.

The concert was a great way to raise money for a worthy cause. When talent like this comes together, only good things can happen. More pictures of the Fest are on page 12.

Take a quick trip to Bethlehem Diner: Freedom Fries, anyone?

By AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

What's more fun than a syrup bottle perfect for projectile motion and long-range sugary warfare? Nothing, except being offered Freedom Fries — for real. Fortunately, or unfortunately, people can find both the fries and the syrup "guns" at the Bethlehem Diner, as well as some pretty tasty fare.

The diner, located on 1871 Catasauqua Road off of MacArthur Road, is a mixed architectural diner, incorporating both deli and classic diner elements into

tables in the eatery, is more reminiscent of a deli, but the chrome on the walls is strictly diner.

What also lends itself to a diner feel is the extensive menu. Matt Meyers ordered a chicken salad club sandwich. Artfully arranged in quarters on his plate, this huge serving was made up of toasted bread, chicken salad and bacon. While Meyers deemed the food as "nondescript," it was still tasty and he rated it an 8.

Jess Skrocki ordered Eggs Benedict. This meal was very large in portion size, but the eggs and ham were covered with a strange neon

yellow con-

cotion. "The Hollandaise sauce was neither Hollandaise nor sauce," Skrocki commented cynically.

"It did, however, glow under a black light." The meal was

not all bad,

and if the sauce was too bright to handle, the home fries appeared quite normal. The eggs also "came with a bowl of fresh fruit, which was surprisingly good," despite the sauce that had managed to infiltrate the saucer.

Dave Sobotkin's eggs were better than Skrocki's. He ordered eggs, scrambled well, and they arrived that way indeed. "When you ask for scrambled well, they usually disregard the 'well' and this was scrambled well," said Sobotkin. The eggs were served on top of corned beef hash, which insulated the meat. The eggs also came with toast and home fries. Sobotkin rated his meal as a 9 for its delicious hash and eggs.

Eggs were on the agenda once again with an order of two eggs over easy with home fries and toast. The eggs were near perfect, with balanced whites and yolks, and the home fries were flavorful without being greasy. This meal received a 9.5.

The most notable of events at this diner was when Meyers ordered his sandwich, he was asked if he wanted "Freedom Fries," by the waitress. Who actually says "Freedom Fries?" Apparently the staff at Bethlehem Diner is anti-French, even if they are pro-fry. Even so, the waitress was friendly, and when she spilled some coffee, she quickly brought new saucers. She was also adept at refilling the coffee cups. She received an 8 for serv-



An elderly gentleman artfully arranges a salad for himself at the diner's salad bar. The salad bar, as well as the rest of the diner, is festively decorated with Easter cutouts.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

ice.

The diner was fairly clean, and while not immaculate, it was by no means dirty. It rated a 7.

Overall, Bethlehem Diner is a good place for good

food as long as you are pro-American, anti-French fry and can have fun with a little syrup.

Overall rating for cleanliness, services and taste: 8.3

Overland: Crude at best

By EVAN LEVINE
Life! Staff Writer

Pundits say that self-deprecation makes for solid comedy. They say that the money is in

"piss and fart jokes." That imitation is a sincere form of flattery. Pick any cliché and it probably works with the art of stand-up comedy.

This past Thursday night, freshman comic Scott Overland performed his vulgarity-laden, minority-bashing comedy act for a crowd of family, friends and a sizeable group of onlookers at the Red Door, inciting fits of laughter from some, and downright insulting others.

Overland's act traversed several topics, and his transitions between those topics were nearly flawless. When they were not, he made sure to point this out to the crowd, a self-scrutinizing technique that worked well to gain giggles. As for the material itself, it needs honing before Overland can take his act to the next level. There were too many insults thrown around to different races, ethnicities, religions and sexual orientations.

The evening started out well, with Overland taking cheap shots at the College and its facilities as he welcomed students back from Spring Break. When he spoke of his family life, hilarity ensued when Overland promised his mother's family, who were in the crowd, to the other side of the family in his jokes. Overland should stick to the true-to-life comedy as opposed to his Seinfeld-esque observational comedy, which mostly dealt with minorities and their problems. For example, talking about your deaf grandfather is funny because people can relate to it. Talking about how gay men must enjoy receiving a physical because it entitles them to free sexual pleasure is something to whom not many people can relate. Audiences want to hear stories similar to those of their own, something they can connect with and take home with them at the end of the evening.

The shock value of amateur jokes might briefly be viewed as humorous, but recent comics who have made names for themselves recite true life stories. They relate their tales to "the big picture" or have a rigid stance towards certain issues, which they discuss at length. Young comics often feel they need to vary their act to discuss as much as possible and fall into a trap of attempting to squeeze too much into their acts, a rookie mistake. Time brings new material, influences and outlooks. It is possible the Overland may have some potential in the future. Hopefully prospective performances will enable Scott to polish his act, one which may lead to a bright future.



The Bethlehem Diner has a glowing outside appearance and an artsy interior.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

the design. The color scheme features soothing teals and mauves. These shades compliment the wooden tables, which have copies of Monet paintings screened onto them. These tables, coupled with the angular arrangement of

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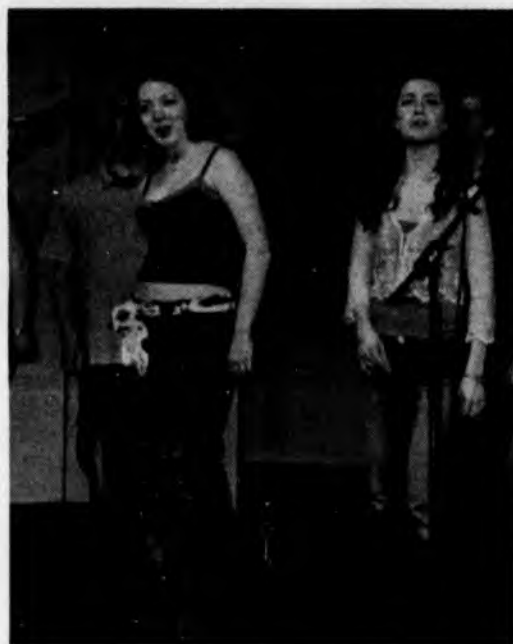
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More scenes from the A Cappella Fest



Jerzy Jung '04 and Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03 gave a sassy performance as part of the Dynamics line-up.

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A ca Fellas, including Tim Gross '05 at the microphone, jazzed it up with some stellar poses.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Faculty members show off: Newman and Mascaro play in Chapel

BY JOHN DUNPHY
Online Editor

Through the guitar stylings of William Newman, a member of the College's faculty, and the flute playing of his partner, Veronica Mascaro, the Egner Chapel came to life for a brief moment on Sat., March 22.

At eight o'clock, with only a handful of people in the audience, Newman and Mascaro came out. They quietly took their seats and the audience members waited in baited anticipation for the music to begin. They could never expect the explosion of music that came from the two acoustic instruments. Suddenly, the once dark and empty chapel basked in the beauty of the music.

Starting off with "Sonata in C Major" by George Philipp Telemann, the duo elicited a response from the viewers that was quite possibly the best any could expect. The onlooker's facial expressions changed with the rise and fall of the music--smiling when the flute played light and airily and looking truly sad when the tempo slowed and the guitar strummed slower.

It was truly amazing to watch Newman's fingers slide over the neck of the guitar. Seeing him strum the instrument was truly impressive since it looked as if he was barely touching the strings. He played in true classical guitar style, never once using a pick. This gave his fingers the freedom to hit several notes at once. In the second part of the Newman-Mascaro flute and guitar duo, Veronica Mascaro's fingers flew all over the flute. A Muhlenberg student in the background who is studying the flute could only watch in awe as she saw the instrument being wielded by a true master of the art.

The music played encompassed the last three centuries. The eldest piece was the Telemann sonata that was written in the 1700s, but the most modern was "Celestials" written by Robert Baska in 1995.

It was truly a beautiful night. The music that brought forth from those two instruments was enough to move hearts and take minds away.

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horoscopes

By Miss Philli D'Vine, Mama Schatz and the writers of the sitcom *Seinfeld*

♈ Aries

"If Relationship George walks through this door, he will kill Independent George!" You and your honey are doing quite fine. As spring rapidly approaches, however, you're feeling shackled into a cemented relationship. When your girlfriend kindly asks you not to wear your Debbie Gibson concert tour shirt in public or not to watch re-runs of *Password on the Game Show Network*, you take these requests as infringements upon your individuality. Weigh your options: Debbie Gibson or lovin'...Debbie Gibson...lovin'...You know what to do.

♉ Taurus

"It's not a lie if you believe it." Therapy didn't remedy your pathological lying. You tell your friend that it's cool to be an N'Sync roadie and that your girlfriend is the hottest girl here (c'mon, you know that's not true!). It's one thing when you grossly fib to make people feel better, but it's another when you get your tell little children that you ran over their puppies with your Subaru. Stop that!

♊ Gemini

"Can you die from an odor?" Living in a quad isn't all it's cracked up to be. It's three times the food scraps, three times the belly button lint, and three times the stench. You can't shower because the stall is caked in mystery slime. Find yourself a shower, invest in some industrial strength Brillo pads and de-junk every crevice you can reach.

♋ Cancer

"Cookies don't liquefy." "Yes they do. You can liquefy a cookie!" You've been blessed with a deviant culinary gift. Your friends swarm your house week after week to feast upon your chocolate crème brûlée and evocative pistachio virgin mudslides. Job offers are flying in by the mailbag load. Welcome these offers with open arms, but beware the mail with the gold-embossed "Wood Dining" letterheads.

♌ Leo

"Wait 'til you see the dress that she's got. It's backless. I'm finally going to make a great entrance." With the spring

formal right around the corner, you obsess about what you will wear. You want to dazzle your peers with your radiance and trendy style. Don't worry so much about what people think of you. If you want people to notice you, do something so strange that people will be talking for weeks. Who says wearing duct tape and taking your little brother to a formal isn't cool?

♍ Virgo

"If you want to make a person feel better after they sneeze, you shouldn't say 'God bless you.' You should say 'You're so good looking!'" Be wary of whom you compliment. One naïve person actually thinks you fell for her when you said you liked her beautiful poofy hair like Cher had in *Moonstruck* (which, you should know, is no compliment). Plainly explain to your wannabe-love that you find her repulsive and that she badly needs a haircut and re-style. She'll thank you later after she stops crying and gets out of counseling.

♎ Libra

"Movie hot dogs? I'd rather lick the food off

the floor." You find yourself repulsed by preservative-laden college food. You forgo meals in Le GQ and Chez Garden Room for make-your-own-uncooked-and-bacteria-infested Lunchables. Look for some alternative recipes to quench your insatiate hunger. Peanut butter and jelly is far more nutritious and safer than prepackaged junk.

♏ Scorpio

"He's not a Nazi. He just happens to be a little eccentric. Most geniuses are." People call you weird, and you've spent all your time as a paean conjuring genius projects that could potentially help a lot of people like a salsa-dancing robotic Schnauzer. Patent your inventions, and build a mansion in the Alps.

♐ Sagittarius

"You know, it is so sad. All your knowledge of high culture comes from Bugs Bunny cartoons." While most people find challenges in attending class and reading the *Communist Manifesto*, you think watching *Price is Right* is brain busting. Hey buddy, Bob Barker has been on that show for 300 years because he's too dumb to

do anything else. Sure he gets the chicks, but that's not all there is to life.

♑ Capricorn

"I gotta tell you, I am loving this yada yada thing. I can gloss over my whole life story." You've got to be more articulate, even if it means using expletives to describe what's going on in your life. No one wants to hear that you yada yaded at Sig Ep. We all know what you did anyway, so spill.

♒ Aquarius

"One never knows how the gastrointestinal workings of the equine are going to function." And one never knows how your intestinal workings are going to function either. After a night of stir fry, be prepared with Tums. No one wants to miss an episode of *Married by America*.

♓ Pisces

"No soup for you!" You have been very, very naughty this week, so no soup for you. Not a drop. And when we say soup, you know exactly what we mean. It's for your benefit if you abstain from all types. You are cut off, baby.

Easter Break



College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on April 17, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 21, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.!

There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a \$15.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services or on the web at www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by April 7, 2003. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newest members of Alpha Epsilon Delta

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Women's lacrosse falls in their first CC contest

BY ALLISION AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Mules (2-3, 0-1) fell to Washington 9-18 in their first Centennial Conference match this season. Led by Freshman Courtney Tapkas, Muhlenberg could not keep up with Washington, who went on a 6-1 scoring streak in the second half. Freshman teammate Jessica Geiger also scored two goals.

"As far as our team, I think we have definitely gotten a lot stronger on our defensive

end, and that is really what is carrying us right now. Our defense has been working really hard, and as a team they are doing an amazing job right now," Geiger stated.

Tapkas recorded her third straight hat trick by scoring four of the nine Muhlenberg goals and an assist. Junior Shannon Donohue and Sophomore Amy Lanning each recorded one goal.

"I think that since the beginning of the season, our practices have gotten a lot more intense, and thus we have been playing with a lot more desire and determination," Geiger said. "I don't have a great sense of

what the team was like last year, but I am hoping that as the season progresses we will become stronger on our attack and our defense, and add some more wins to our record."

Senior co-captain Lynsey Caldwell also scored a goal, as well as recorded three assists.

Sophomore goalie Diana Bleakley had a great game as well as finishing with ten saves, seven of which occurred in the second half.



The women's lacrosse team huddles up to discuss team strategy

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Mule baseball kicks Cougars into defeat

BY MARC WEINREICH
Weekly Sports Writer

Muhlenberg (9-4) jumped out to a quick start against Misericordia (4-4) on Monday winning 6-2. Their

first two runs were scored in the bottom of the first inning.

Senior Justin Graf led off with a double, then continued to third off of Misericordia's error. Once Junior Joel Rush loaded the bases with a bunt, Sophomore CJ Kessler made the score 2-0 with a sacrifice fly. Graf's and Freshman Ryan Jaxheimer's sacrifice flies, combined with the Cougars' three errors, resulted in the Mules scoring two more runs in the fourth inning.

The Mules head into Centennial Conference play after winning five of their last six games, largely in part due to the great pitching of Sophomore Greg Burkhart who was named pitcher of the week by Centennial Conference. Burkhart, is 3-0 with 1.54 era and 29 strikeouts in 23 1/3 innings this season for the Mules.

Muhlenberg hosts the Dickinson Red Devils this Friday for their first Centennial Conference game.

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Santini took a seventh.

The women had individual success in the 800m, shot put and pole vault. Junior Diana Garetto placed second with a time of 2:29.9 in the 800m just behind DeSale's Gina Lucrezi with a time of 2:25.1. Placing third in shot put was Sophomore Kristin

Boydston, throwing 33'11 1/4". Also, Meghan Douglas-Snyder had a height of 8'6" in pole vault. Contributing as well were Sophomore Danielle Bovelle in the 100m, Freshman Valerie Robuck in high jump and Boydston in discus, who all took home fourth.

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The men's team will be competing next on Tuesday at Ursinus where their coach hopes they will make up for Saturday's loss. Henry says they "should do well knowing that we can go out there and play hard and that we're a good team."

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time to include my school-work as well as lacrosse. As a student athlete, I am very impressed with Muhlenberg's dedication to athletics as well as academics."

In his spare time, Westindorf has volunteered at a number of places around Allentown, including 6th Street Shelter and

the Allentown soup kitchen. Westindorf's commitment to the Muhlenberg family as well as the surrounding Allentown community is immense.

Regardless of physical location, Westindorf will always have an eye on the lacrosse team, which holds a significant place in his heart.

Next Week's Schedule

Friday

Track and Field

Mules at Lehigh Valley Championships at 3:00 p.m.

Baseball

Mules vs. Dickinson at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday

Softball

Mules vs. Gettysburg at 1:00 p.m.

Baseball

Mules at Franklin & Marshall at 12:00 p.m.

Women's lacrosse

Mules vs. Franklin & Marshall at 1:00 p.m.

Men's lacrosse

Mules at Franklin & Marshall 1:30 p.m.

Men and women's tennis

Mules at Dickinson at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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Mule Profile: Westindorf excels in first year as a Mule lacrosse player

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

John Westindorf, although only a freshman who is still undeclared, has made a huge impact on the Muhlenberg Lacrosse program. Within several weeks, Westindorf has already made his mark on the all time records, with the third highest points per game in Muhlenberg lacrosse history. He accomplished this when he finished with a high of seven points against Centenary at the beginning of March. Along with this achievement, Westindorf also broke the all time lacrosse record at the College of goals per game set by Dave Costa in 1980 with his seven goals against Centenary.

As a captain for the Mules, Westindorf feels very privileged to be playing collegiate Lacrosse here at the 'Berg. "The program is excellent and has improved greatly over the past several months. With our desire and determination, we have the capability of being one of the top college lacrosse teams in the nation," Westindorf stated.

The middle attacker out of the Canterbury School in New Canaan,

Connecticut, is having a good year, averaging 2.9 goals and .89 assists per game.

Lacrosse for Westindorf has been a life long experience. "I have been playing lacrosse and hockey my whole life. When I transferred to a boarding school my junior and senior year in high school, lacrosse and hockey were a constant. When I was looking at colleges, I realized that lacrosse was the sport I wanted to stick with. The lacrosse program at Muhlenberg was a big part of what drew me to the school," Westindorf said.

Overall, Westindorf is more than satisfied with his decision to come to Muhlenberg and be an essential

part of the lacrosse program. "I choose Muhlenberg for the academic reputation, as well as other lacrosse reasons," he stated. "Head coach Dave Cornell went to Canterbury and I knew him previously, and he really attracted me to the school. I also thought the lacrosse program was very solid; all the elements were here to make it a great lacrosse program in a short

only awarded the most valuable player award as well as named to the second team all Western New England for lacrosse, but was also awarded an honor for being a two sport athlete all through high school. Westindorf was also on the honor roll all four years of high school, as well as a member of the headmasters list, which was a select-ed group of students honored for their academic excellence. Along with these accomplishments, he was also a tour guide leader at Canterbury, a member of the student athletic committee and a prefect, or a residential assistant, his junior and senior year. During the summer, Westindorf played lacrosse for the Connecticut Valley lacrosse Club all four years of high school. Along with playing, he coached a children's lacrosse team and helped run a children's lacrosse camp in New Canaan.

At Muhlenberg, Westindorf claims that Lacrosse has not only taught him skills on the field, but in the classroom as well. "I am learning the values of time management and how to properly schedule my

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Freshman John Westindorf cradles the ball up at the field.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

amount of time and be one of the best lacrosse teams in the country year in and year out."

In high school, Westindorf was the captain of his lacrosse team his junior and senior year, as well as the leading scorer in his conference his junior year. As a senior, he was not

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Softball gets bombed at doubleheader by Ithaca

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules' (1-10) softball team made a change in their schedule and traveled to Ithaca, NY instead of going to the Keene Classic on Sunday. The losing streak that the team has been on has now reached eight games with Ithaca being victorious in both contests of the doubleheader. The first game was lost by a 9-1 mark and the second was a shutout by the Bombers, 4-0.

The Mules managed to gain one run and ten hits in the two games against the defending Division III national champions. The team has only scored eleven runs in the past eight games.

The Bombers (10-3) scored six runs in the third inning of the first contest. This lead gave them the leeway they needed for their 9-1 triumph over the Mules. Freshman Tara DeMarzo scored the Mules' lone run in the top of the fifth inning. DeMarzo lead off with a single and finally made it over the plate after a wild pitch was thrown.

Junior Danielle DeLucia had a one-hit shutout into the fifth inning before the bombers blasted out four runs. Teammate Becki Toth went 3-for-7 with a double in the doubleheader and also leads the team with a .359 batting average. The Mules will try and break their unfortunate losing streak with a home field advantage by hosting Gettysburg College on Saturday.

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Gettysburg breaks men's lacrosse's winning streak

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

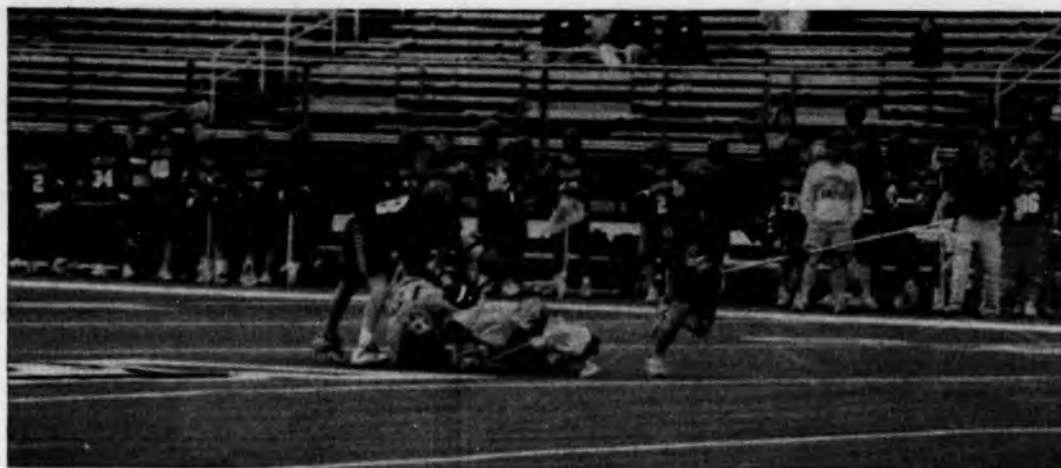
The Mules, after a four-game winning streak, lost 3-16 to two-time defending national runner-up Gettysburg (5-1, 2-0) on Saturday. This loss was the first Muhlenberg (4-1, 0-1) loss this season.

Freshman John Westendorf led the Mules with two goals for the game, the last Muhlenberg goal being scored by Westendorf with 8:58 left to play in the third quarter. The other Muhlenberg goal was scored by Freshman Kevin Kessler, and was assisted by Dave Armstrong.

Freshman goalie Joe LaBella also had a great game, finishing with twelve saves.

"As a team, we feel as if we have bonded and we have definitely improved since the fall. However, we have to take it one step at a time in order to be successful," LaBella said. "Gettysburg was a big game and we didn't know exactly what was coming. It is our long-term goal to make it to the tournament this year, and although that is a huge challenge, with work and determination I know we can do it."

The Mules will be hitting the road this Saturday against Franklin and Marshall.



Two men's lacrosse players dive for the ball, out-running the Bullets players.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Track earns high finishes

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

On Saturday the Mules' track and field team had several great finishes at the DeSales Invitational. Opening up with two standout performances were Freshman Danielle Seiler and Brian Campfield.

Seiler took first place in the 400m intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:09.4, which also allowed him to break the school record, previously set at 1:09.94. With this time, Seiler had already met the qualifying standards for the ECAC Championships.

On the men's side, Campfield won the discus with a throw of 139'2". This throw beat the second place competitor by almost eighteen feet. However, he missed qualifying for the ECACs by a mere ten inches.

Veteran Senior Jason App was the Mules' third event winner of the day. App placed first in pole vault with a jump of thirteen feet. Sophomore John Brodowski qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 110m hurdles and placed second with a time of 15.64. This time missed the school record by a slim eleven hundredths of a second. In his other events, he placed sixth in the discus and tenth in the javelin. Contributing for the men was Junior Alex Johansen, who took third in the long jump with 20-6½ inches.

Collectively, the male throwers had a good day, taking five of the top six spots in the shot put: Junior Frank Santini in second, Sophomore Jeff Salzano in third, Freshman Tim Opiel in fourth, Sophomore Beny Jose in fifth and Freshman Joe Baiocchi in sixth.

The Mules also placed in four of the top ten in javelin with Will Corbin in third, Junior Randy Holak in fourth, Senior Steve Kreider in sixth and Harry Kegelmann in eighth. The men placed three in the top ten in discus. Two of these finishers were Campfield and Brodowski, and

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Tennis suffers double defeat at Washington

BY STACY PALUMBO
Weekly Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's tennis teams were defeated by Washington at this Saturday's conference match. The men and women's teams, with a record of 2-1 and 0-3, came back from Maryland disappointed, but eager to get back in the game.

After having tied Washington last year in the CC Championships, the Muhlenberg women's tennis team went into the match in Maryland determined to win. "It was a disappointing loss, but everyone played hard," said Mackenzie Parke. "We have a number of matches left, and we're still looking towards a successful season."

Muhlenberg Juniors Sarah Niebler and Megan Schreiber defeated Linda Hooks and Christina Vouros, 8-6. Doubles team Sophomore Emily Oster and Junior Amy Schmitt defeated Washington's Devon Hufnal and Samantha Halpin, 8-3.

Oster and Niebler also won their singles matches. Oster defeated Washington's Linda Hooks (6-3, 6-2) and Niebler defeated Christina Vouros (3-6, 7-6, 10-3).

Despite the girls' efforts, Washington pulled ahead, winning four out of the six singles matches.

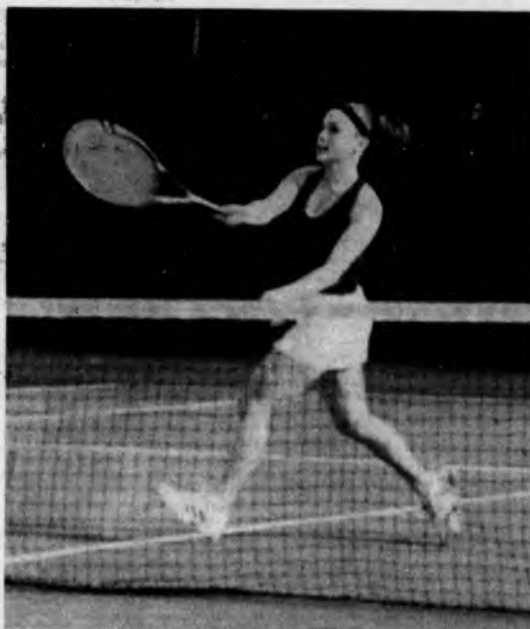
Saturday's match was the Muhlenberg men's team's first loss of the season. The Washington men's team defeated Muhlenberg, taking wins in all three doubles and all six singles matches.

Men's tennis coach George Henry reflected on Saturday's match, "I was a little disappointed, but it was good to see that we were competitive with them."

Seniors Brad Scheller and Cameron Parke were both tough competition for Washington. The two seniors each took their singles matches into three sets.

Scheller was defeated by Washington's Lou Blanchette (4-6, 6-0, 6-4) and Parke was defeated by Asfand Farouk (6-2, 3-6, 6-0).

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Junior Gena Ross pounds the ball over the net.

PHOTO BY ROB KANDEL

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Taylor reappointed to Presidency

By DONALD TRUMP
Weekly News Bling

In a development that shocked the College Community, the Board of Trustees revoked its offer for the Presidency of the College to Dr. Randy Helm and reappointed Arthur Taylor.

According to John M. Heffer, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Taylor's leadership style was the central reason for the reappointment. "It became clear after a year of general tranquility, the College needed more heavy-handedness, as well as more demeaning of staff and faculty," Heffer continued, "We thank [Interim President James] Steffy for his year of service, but normal human relations is just not what the College needs to lead it to greatness."

Scheduled to take office on July 1, Taylor has already begun planning his second term with some major staffing changes.

"I was sitting around the house with Kathryn in my PJ's with feet, and thought what the College needs—more than anything else—is a fresh start," Taylor com-

transition team lays out the plan, dubbed the "Clean Slate Campaign." This plan calls for the immediate termination of all College personnel, from the highest administrators in Haas to those working for Plant Operations, with the exception of Curtis Dretsch and Charles Richter.

The terminations will be handed down July 1, with the report calling for "Anna Adams, Associate Professor of History, to be fired twice."

Dretsch will be named Dean of the College for Faculty, and Richter will be named Dean of the College for Academic Life. Both appointments require the approval of the Board of Trustees. Taylor justified the appointments as "a real Jacksonian idea...to the winner goes

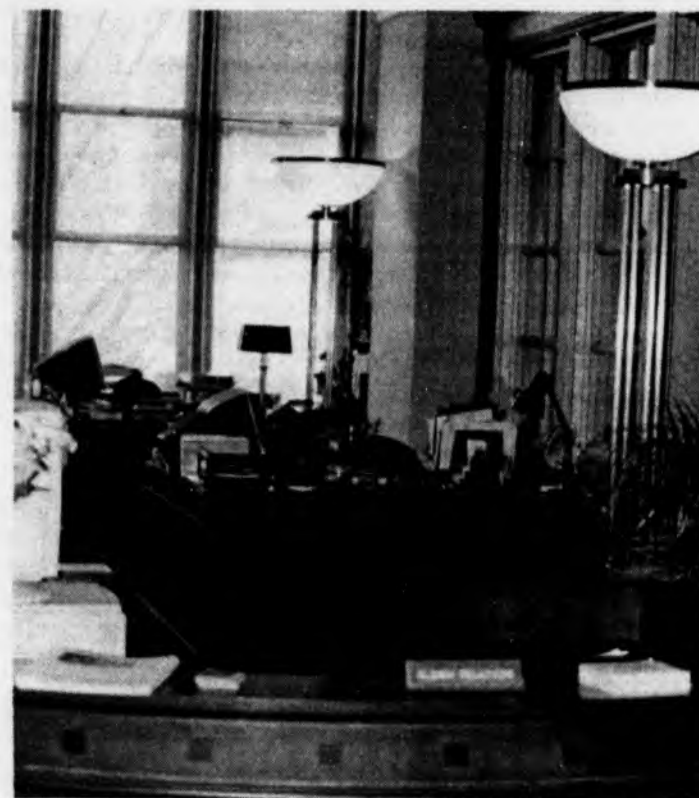
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"I find those with backgrounds in the theatre arts the easiest to manipulate."

Arthur Taylor, President of the College

mented. "I saw what happened during the summer, people stabbing everyone in the back—well, namely me—and determined I could not administer the College with those people in place."

A confidential memo leaked to *The Weekly* by an unnamed member of the



Empty offices are a key part of the Clean Slate Program.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

College official arrested for drug trafficking

By PABLO ESCOBAR
Weekly News Junkie

The Campus Shop Snack Bar at the corner of Liberty and 23rd St, is the latest suspect of under-the-table drug sales headed by the College Administration. On Fri., Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole headed a joint effort of Campus Safety and APD to bust the sketchy store. Among being the number one dealer of fresh opium from China in the U.S., the two owners are believed to have sold marijuana, heroin and crack.

"We left China because we wanted to make the big bucks," stated Hae Dong Kim, one of the owners, as he took a hit of his crack pipe while sitting in his downtown cell. Kim stated that he and his wife, Sou Yong Kim, researched on the Internet to find "a small

college that needed a direct source of drugs for inexpensive costs. It appeared obvious to us that all these little rich kids needed was a good hook up for drugs," said Kim as he coughed up a last hit of opium.

Kim stated, "The Campus Store acted as a protective front for the drug sales." Kim further explained that after two years, he was able to make side sales to students who came in to buy cigarettes. "The kids came in for cigarettes and they came out with heroin. Everybody got what they wanted. The kids got drugs and I my good old American dollars," said Kim.

Lupole described the store as extremely "out of the ordinary. The shelves don't have anything on them and what is there is com-

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Student death shocks the College

By TED BUNDY
Weekly Staff Serial Murder

Shocking the student and administration alike, the sudden murder of a student has been linked to a petty quarrel between two Student Council members. After a Thursday night party at Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep), Mike Yellin '05 suffered from a lethal attack by fellow Council member,

Meredith Hamson '04. According to by-standers, Hamson attacked Yellin in a fit of rage after he had called her a "whore" in his drunken stupor at the party.

The night started out mundanely at a Student Council meeting, where most members caught up on their rest for their night ahead. "Talk" progressed throughout the meeting about organizing activities that will bring "an atten-

dance higher than our average three patrons." Hamson was seen sitting next to Yellin throughout the meeting, apparently on good terms. "She was being all flirty with Yellin," said Liz Einhorn '05. "She was leaning in and asking him if there was going to be a party at Sig Ep that night. She was really close to him. I didn't understand why she was being so friendly."

Later on that night, both Council members were seen at the freshman gathering at Sig Ep. Yellin had been overtaken by some of Milwaukee's finest and was described as "drunker than a Delt pledge," according to a random freshman girl decked out in a tube top and tight black pants. Raising one arm and staggering

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DISCLAIMER

Welcome to the annual April Fool's issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*. All of the stories are FAKE, so do not believe anything that you read. However, peruse over the REAL advertisements while you enjoy the issue.

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Whatever we want, whenever we
want, however we want

WE AT *THE WEEKLY* HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF MANY things: libel, defamation of character, harboring personal vendettas...the list goes on. Since we're feeling a little cheeky tonight, we've decided to come clean. We're bastards, and we like it!

Yes, we will print any crap that is submitted to us. It's not that we respect or value your opinion, or that we think you write well. Sixteen pages are a lot to fill, and this ain't no happenin' big city university. Why do you think Letters to the Editor about snow-shoveling show up every week? To take up room. Why do we make up stories about date rape at fraternities? Because we can easily stick in a follow-up the next week. *The New York Times* boasts that they report "All the news that's fit to print." The motto around here at *The Weekly* office is, "Printing all the news that fits."

Speaking of the office, you should see the raging parties down here on Tuesday nights. It's like a Bacchanalian festival. I'm drunk right now. Thank God for spell check. Not only does this make the time spent in our florescent-lit, low-ceilinged, sauna-like basement office a little more bearable, but it also gives us the valuable opportunity to abuse Student Council's funding.

It's true, we don't really like Council, along with administration, faculty, students -- basically, anyone not immediately involved with *The Weekly*. In fact, we don't even really like each other. We just don't have any other friends. Maybe this is why *The Weekly* has been compared to a cult. But really, just because we drink each other's blood and sacrifice small animals in the name of our master, Dave Sobotkin, doesn't mean we're the next Heaven's Gate.

Overall, we are doing you a favor by publishing. You are indebted to us. That's how we feel, that's what we believe, and you're not going to tell us we're wrong. And if you do, we simply won't listen. We don't want to be a respectable newspaper; all we want is the power to ruin your lives if we so choose. And we will, eventually. And there's nothing you can do about it.

Letters to the Editor:

The true colors of Muhlenberg: Blue and white

To the Editor:

I am sick and tired of hearing about the lack of diversity on campus. It seems to me that when asked the question, "What are the problems with your college?" most students answer, "There is nothing to do." Second to this is, "There is no diversity." Well, let me take this opportunity to denounce this claim.

Muhlenberg has plenty of diversity on campus. Walking

down Academic Row on my way to class, I pass many people of different backgrounds. Just this morning I passed both an Orthodox and a Hasidic Jew. Muhlenberg has all sorts of Jews on campus. Orthodox, Conservative and even Messianic are but a few of the different types of Judaism on campus. I cannot stand to see these ignorant people complaining about problems that don't exist. If they would

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XX253JB: The code to a better Muhlenberg

To the Editor:

First I would like to say just how much I enjoy *The Muhlenberg Weekly*.

Each Thursday morning my friends and I, blood-shot-eyed from a slamming late night party of playing Pogs and eating Apple Jacks, file into Seegers Union for the latest edition from

the press. Before anything, I like to turn to the sports section to check out the real sports on campus. It's funny because often-times I find no coverage on the Muhlenberg Track and Field Team. This can be disheartening to some of my teammates, but it doesn't bother me. I understand that as a publica-

tion, you must prioritize which events are important and which are not. Furthermore, as a sports section, you must distinguish what is a sport and what is not.

As a track and field thrower, I grew up to idolize the wrist flick-

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Stallone + talent = Frank

Ma Stallone Frank's mutha

It isn't often that the true "great ones" of music are overlooked. The true artists are generally recognized for their accomplishments. Many of these bands and solo artists like The Beatles, Elvis, The Rolling Stones and Frank Sinatra have become household names. Sometimes these people are recognized for their immense talent (Barbara Streisand), and sometimes for their tabloid recognition (like Michael Jackson a.k.a. Jacko).

As much as we try to give credit to those people who truly deserve it, occasionally one slips through the cracks. This is just the case with Frank Stallone. Some would say that Frank owes his career to his big brother Sly. He did in fact obtain his first acting job while playing the part of the "timekeeper" in 1976's *Rocky*. While drawing little acclaim for his role, Frank stood tall and persevered.

By the time 1979 rolled around, Frank was looking for work again and luckily he had a connection. His big brother Sly was looking for a singer for a background song in the sequel to *Rocky*, called *Rocky II*. Some may call this Frank's big break, writing the song "Take You Back." It was actually the first song ever in which the lyrics went, "Take you back do-do-do, Take you back..." his first song to break the Billboard Hot 5000.

Until 1983, Frank Stallone's career was based almost exclusively on the *Rocky* films, but that was all about to change. A film "Staying Alive," (starring John Travolta and directed by none other than Frank's big brother Sylvester Stallone) was the next place that Frank left his mark.

In 1985, Frank was again paired with Sly in the making of *Rambo II*. According to

insiders it was a "reunion that was a long time in the making." Though he only sang one song on the album and it was the final track (which many people never make it to), Frank knew that the glitz and glamour of Hollywood was for him.

Only two years later, Frank's singing career was rekindled with the release of the sound track of the film *Over the Top*, starring his brother Sylvester Stallone. Though again only recording one track, some called it the "best one on a fine album."

From 1987 until today- Frank, has acted in 28 films, none of which this author has ever heard of, (with the notable exception of Sylvester Stallone's *Get Carter* -- in which Frank played an uncredited extra at a funeral).

Frank's musical career might also be better than ever after

his 2002 release of Greatest Hits entitled *Stallone on Stallone*.

All of these credits aside, Frank Stallone is a self-made man, and deserves all of the accolades that his peers have received. Not only has Frank preserved his place in history; but he has managed to always find a place for his sorry excuse of a big brother Sylvester.

If there is still any doubt of the impact of Frank Stallone, tune into "Star Dates" on the E! Channel or the Jerry Springer show entitled "My brother is a star... I am Frank."

So let's show the man the same respect that he gets from his peers and make April 3rd national Frank Stallone Day.

Though at this point it is little more than speculation, the rumor is that in FOX's latest "reality based" move, Frank will wed Anna Nicole Smith and star in the "Frank and Anna Nicole Stallone Show."

Not only has Frank preserved his place in history but he has managed to always find a place for his sorry excuse of a big brother Sylvester.

ANIME FREAK

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ing frolics of *Revenge of the Nerds* javelinist Lamar Latrell. Mr. Latrell taught me that although you can take pride in what you do, never take yourself too seriously. This seems especially sensible in Mr. Latrell's case: he threw the javelin, a more difficult task than mine because it involves movement. I throw the shot put. Shot is easy because it's like pressing A in a video game. Maybe if I threw the shot put while on ice skates, I could consider it a sport, or at least part of a larger sport. Until then I will understand why my

activity remains excluded from the sports section. It gets and deserves the same amount of coverage as my favorite, and more energy-consuming sport, Slip and Slide.

Besides, when I try activities that do involve coordination, I get injured. Take Tuesday for example: While throwing a medicine ball straight up in the air to myself, I quickly learned that some activities require both throwing and catching. I throw the shot, so I'm only used to the throwing part of stuff. Just throwing the round object was no longer good enough, if I was to avoid injury that is. Apparently I needed to

"catch it on the way down." Needless to say, I missed the ball all right, was knocked to the floor, and received twelve stitches as a result. For now I'll only train with Slip and Slide or Crocodile Mile.

Although I am pleased with your publication as a whole, I do see room for improvement. You should consider renaming the newspaper to Dragonball Z. Many people believe, myself included, that Goku is the second coming of Cloud, the hero of the Final Fantasy epics. As most of you probably already know, I am the other co-vice president of the anime club. On a weekly basis, our proud

club meets and watches various films of the Japanimation genre. You should also add a section where readers could get to know animated action heroes a little better. It could be called "Action Hero Alley," and it could have bios and pics of all of our favorite superheros. For example, did you know that Aquaman is an avid Dungeons and Dragons player, when he is not saving the world from plankton? And we could even see pictures of Lara Croft, Tomb Raider. She's hot. Our last meeting was out of hand over the controversial immaculate conception issue of Dragonball Z, so

you can watch from a safe distance.

I am perhaps the happiest person on earth now that I am represented in your fine publication. I hope you take this into account when you consider my suggestions.

If anyone is interested in continuing some of my Japanimation or video game theories check out our website at <http://www.angelfire.com/anime5/muhlenberg/home.html>. Or you can swing by my own at <http://hometown.aol.com/benyjose1/myhomepage/index.html>.

--Beny Jose
Class of 2005

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merely open up their eyes and their minds, they would see that our college houses so many different types of Jews.

Some of my best friends, for instance, are Sadducees, not like me. I am a proud and practicing Pharisee. It's amazing the different levels of Jews you can find just by sitting in Parent's Plaza. Even my parents are amazed. I will go so far as to say that one of my main reasons for attending this college was this particular character trait.

Something else that really gets to me is the claim that we don't have a lot of color on campus. This is just an outright lie. I myself am a light shade of pink. But just by looking around Seegers, you can find a multitude of colors ranging from white, all the way to mother-of-pearl. After Spring break, I thought I was on an entirely different campus seeing all the new colored faces. People were

red, beige, tan and one or two were orange (I was relieved when I found that these were actually my white friends who had attempted to use instant).

Why must people be so closed-minded? Why must they refuse to broaden their minds and see the colors that are here? We are a plethora of diversity. There are simply no valid arguments to state otherwise.

I do not fancy that many people will agree with this letter. Some of them deny the fact that Muhlenberg is a culturally diverse campus. To those who continue to say this, I merely suggest going to GQ. There they will find all of those cultures they wish to see, safely behind a scalding grill.

Thank you and Mazel Tov to those who can now see the light.

--Abraham Goldsteinberg
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Social life at the College to get a new buzz

BY COURTNEY LOVE
Weekly News Lush

In order to facilitate students' social lives at the College, the General's Quarters (GQ) has begun serving alcoholic beverages during lunch, dinner and even breakfast. One set of soda fountains was replaced with draft beer taps earlier this week. On tap this week will be the highest quality Natural Ice and Jacob's Best, only the best beer to complement the variety of wholesome foods served in GQ. "The new beer station

pack Poland Spring water; instead, for eight swipes, students may purchase 12-packs of Milwaukee's Best Light and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

"Instead of making the long trip to the liquor store to get alcohol for our parties, we can take the short walk to GQ," said Joe Levy, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "It feels so much like our frat house that when I'm drunk, I can't even tell the difference! I can't find the bathroom either, but that's a whole different story. I offer other students just one piece of

advice: don't eat the salads."

"We're working to remove the students who have accumulated in the corners of Seeger's Union in their passed out stupors."

Ken Lupole, Director of
Campus Safety

will be run similar to the action station in the Garden Room," says John Pasquarello, General Manager for Muhlenberg Dining Services. "The brands of beer will be changed every week to offer students more variety in their beverage choices."

Furthermore, GQ will no longer offer students 24-

notice that pajama pants and unwashed hair are no longer acceptable attire to wear to GQ.

Freshman girls have begun putting on extra make-up and even wearing tube tops in a poorly executed attempt to get alcohol for free.

"I have lots of young ladies removing their shirts

and kissing each other to try to entice me to give them free beer," says G Q

Supervisor, G a r y Breisch.

There is now a chronic shortage of toilet paper in the bathrooms of Seeger's Union, and students must now wait in a 3 minute line.

Also, several stu-

dents were apprehended by Campus Safety after they brought mixing equipment into the dining area to have dance parties while they ate.

"The large crowd created a large fire hazard and we were forced to remove the offenders from the premises," said Lt. Brenda Lakis, Campus Safety Officer. "The GQ employees have also been complaining about a urine-like odor near the salad refrigerator. That is still under investigation," said Lakis.

"We're working to



Max Marty '05 enjoys the new freedoms of drinking in General's Quarters with a game of Power Hour.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

remove the students who have accumulated in the corners of Seeger's Union in their passed out stupors. Shuttles will be offered to the Lehigh Valley Hospital for periodic stomach pumping," said Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety. "Safety is our greatest concern for the students. These kids just don't know how to hold their alcohol anymore."

When asked if any other types of alcohol would be served at the College, Shawn Fenerty, Director of

Dining Services for the Garden Room, said, "If the beer program goes well, we plan to offer jello shots at the dessert station in the Garden Room."

Students, however, approve of the new beer taps. "Finally, something we can do on weekends and weekdays, hey, even between classes!" said Rachel Kleiner '05.

The beer taps in GQ are the first attempt at increasing social lives on campus that have been widely utilized by students.

Campus Safety officers earn noise complaint

BY STEPHEN KUHN
Weekly Guest Fuzz

Various Campus Safety officers were put under scrutiny this past Friday night when a drunken hot dog eating contest got too rowdy.

It all started after the contest escalated into a screaming match over who consumed the most links left over from the Garden Room.

Members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity called x3110 to complain of the noise violation in their neighborhood, and were dumbfounded when they were connected to the "Chip Hurd Leasing Company."

After refusing many offers to over-occupy a house, the members of the fraternity called the

Allentown Police Department (APD).

Luckily, nine APD squad cars "happened" to be parked behind the AEPi Fraternity house and were quick to the scene. Upon arrival, various Campus Safety officers fled from the contest in the Red Door to Prosser in their SUVs parked nearby.

"It is a good thing that we have those things [SUVs]. Otherwise we might have had to run or something," panted Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, as sweat beaded on his forehead. Other members of the Campus Safety squad tried to find asylum hiding behind Angel, a GQ employee.

The APD was quickly on Safety's trail when they heard the officers giggling and tickling each other while bouncing off Angel's

belly.

While most take him for granted, the GQ employee hired for his expertise in the Spanish language caught the whole incident on film.

The APD was perplexed to find that four of the Campus Safety officers were unaccounted for and nowhere to be found. Three of the officers were later found in the bathroom.

"Man, even pie from the Garden Room gives you the slides," confessed Brenda Lakis, one of the missing officers. The remaining officer was found trying to dip his gun in the "Wax Hands" bowl.

"I just don't understand," remarked James Fritts, the apparent winner of the contest. "Nobody ever comes

to the Red Door on a Friday night. I had no idea how we got caught. It had to have been that Schubert broad. She was wasted and running around claiming we were all

"It is a good thing that we have those things [SUVs]. Otherwise we might have had to run or something."

Ken Lupole, Director of
Campus Safety

going to go to the 'drunk tank.'"

According to contest "insiders," "Fritts-Dawg gobbled them wieners like it was his job... Is it his job?" Fritts won, followed by a close second, Ken Lupole. Lupole stated, "The pie was good, but nothing beats Garden Room Shepard's Pie!"

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the spoils. Plus, I find those with backgrounds in the theatre arts the easiest to manipulate."

Despite Dretsch's announcement of his returning to teaching for the Fall 2003 semester, Taylor noted, "I didn't care what people wanted from 1992 to 2002, so why should I do so for my second term?"

When asked to comment on the radical changes he has in store for the College, Taylor replied, "Well, at least theater majors will be able to find a job somewhere."

In a similar yet unrelated story, Heffer confirmed that, "[Taylor] recently donated \$70,000,000 - which in fact doubled the current endowment." Heffer, however, asserted that the funds were not a deciding factor in the re-instatement of Taylor.

Evidence of increased drug use on campus

By ROBERT DOWNEY, JR.
Weekly News Addict

The College is taking a page from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. As his tenure as Interim President draws to a close, Jim Steffy is doing something not so uncommon to individuals leaving a high profile office: making

"If I crack down on drugs on campus, the prices will rise through the roof. I'll be rich."

Evan Skyler Jaffee '04

last minute appointments. In what has been called by many his "boldest move ever," Steffy has appointed a College Drug Czar.

Though the idea has been tossed around in the past, Steffy has put a spin on the job that only he could. Evan Skyler Jaffee, a member of the Class of 2004,

was appointed on Monday. Jaffee may be most notable around campus for his tirades and his necessity on others for survival. "I think he got the idea of using a student as Drug Czar from the movie *Bringing Down the House*. I haven't actually seen it, but the idea of Steve Martin talking like he's black... it just cracks me up," said Michael Bruckner, Vice President for Public Relations.

Upon hearing of his appointment, Jaffee coughed a few times and laughed for about two and a half hours. After this laughing fit came to an end, Jaffee commented in his raspy voice "cool," and proceeded to fall asleep.

According to Bruckner, "[Saying] Evan is excited would be the understatement of the century!"

Upon contacting Jaffee a second time, *The Weekly* had more success. "I know all about that kinda stuff, ya know?" said Jaffee. Though Jaffee was unwilling to further comment where he obtained his drug education, he did comment, "If I crack down on drugs on campus the prices will rise through the roof. I'll be rich." When asked how the prices of illicit drugs directly affect his personal wealth, Jaffee paused for approximately two and a half hours and finally replied, "Huh?"

While there is some question as to his past, *The Weekly* was able to contact a man on the corner

of Union and Fourth Streets in Allentown who claims to have known Jaffee. Jackson

(either his first name or

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Evan Skyler Jaffee '04 has been appointed as the new Drug Czar by James Steffy, Interim President. Jaffee is eager to begin his new job on campus.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

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awkwardly back and forth, Yellin attempted to dance alone at the Beirut party as other students continued their games with raised eyebrows. Yellin's "girlfriend," Barbara Behr '05, seemed "embarrassed" as she hid

behind the flock of freshmen girls surrounding Ari Abramson '03, another Sig Ep brother.

In the corner, Hamson cheered Yellin on, telling him to "bounce, bounce, sexy man!"

The dancing, however, soon ceased, as Milwaukee's special reserve was unleashed and Yellin felt the need to projectile vomit across the Beirut tables onto Behr and Abramson, just missing an unsuspecting lone freshman.

Behr's shrieking scream was heard all the way across the road by members of Phi Kappa Tau at their "Slumber Party."

"I was just about to win our game of Chutes and Ladders when this awful high-pitched squeal broke my intense

concentration. I thought a small animal had died or something," said Aaron Weakland '04. The scream did not stop Yellin, however. He stumbled about and called Hamson on his cell phone, despite her being only a few feet away.

"As I handed Yellin another beer to quench his thirst after throwing up, I heard him talking to her on the phone. He said something like 'Cuddle wif me, I'ze drunk'," said Ben Jaffe '03, "I don't really know what that's all about. Maybe he was trying to emulate something he saw down at TKE? But, anyway, don't you think I look like Harry Potter?"

Hamson and Yellin were soon seen talking together. This was when the real trouble of the night began. Yellin reportedly asked Hamson to marry him as he grabbed her rather hairy breast.

She immediately accepted, attempting to throw herself on top of him, shouting "Bone me now! Bone me now!" and tumbling towards the beer-soaked floor while knocking over a Beirut table and sending the inadequately tiny plastic cups flying.

Yellin began laughing hysterically, saying, "Hahaha, you stupid

whore."

According to fellow Delta Zeta (DZ) sister, Shira Roemer '05, this was just the wrong thing to say to Hamson.

Roemer explained that Hamson goes "hog wild" whenever someone uses the word "whore." "She usually carries some paper to rip or glass to smash to channel her rage, but Yellin's potty mouth was just too much for her to handle," said Roemer.

Hamson immediately jumped to her feet, whipping her hair around in a Medusa-like fashion.

She lashed at him like a starved hyena, tearing into him with her razor sharp acrylic nails and strength acquired from months of DZ pléding.

Yellin stood no chance against her wrath, and his body was soon on the ground, mangled and destroyed, with blood dripping from his eye-sockets after his eyes were torn from his skull.

After ripping his eyes out, Hamson danced on Yellin's face to the familiar Sig Ep anthem "Hot in Herre" by

Nelly.

Chip Hurd, Associate Dean of Students/Director of Greek Life, burst through the door just in time. He stepped over Yellin's body while waving his hands frantically. "There are too

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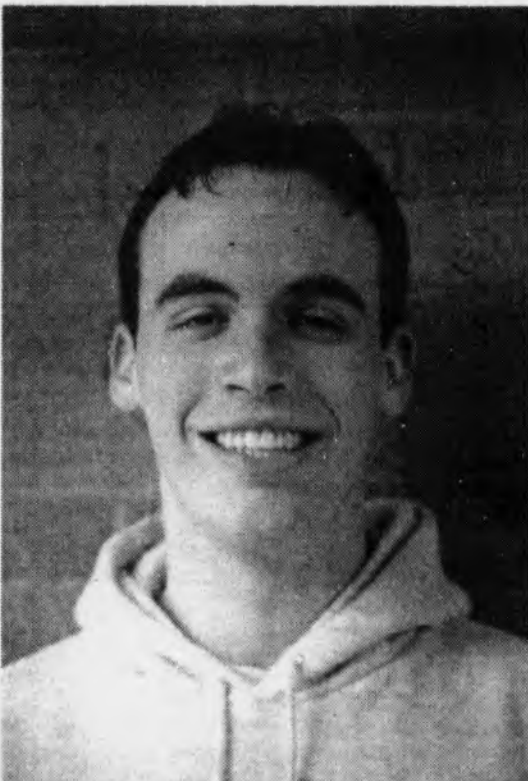
Aaron Weakland '04,
PKT brother

many tenants in this house! Too many tenants!" he exclaimed.

Commenting on the event, Behr said, "I can't believe he threw up on me! That bastard! It doesn't matter anyway. I've found another Sig Ep boy." She batted her eyes in the direction of Abramson, who was surrounded by a growing flock of scantily-clad frightened freshmen girls.

A meeting of Student Council will be held to "discuss" Hamson's potential recall.

The Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity has responded with "no comment" regarding the situation that occurred at Sig Ep. Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students remarked, "It's always the whores."



Mike Yellin '05 smiles for the last time before his gruesome death.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

Campus Safety gets robotic

By STEPHEN MALINIAK
Weekly News Dork

In response to "the inaptitude of Ken Lupole and his gaggle of morons and the

staggering increase of crime and assaults associated with alcohol reported on campus, the College will be purchasing Robocop type law enforcement officers," said newly hired President,

Randy Helm. While these robots are initially supposed to work in coordination with Campus Safety, they do have the capability to eclipse their authority when officers "do dumb stuff," said Helm.

Moses Brown, President and CEO of Kaliflax Technologies Inc., designer and developer of the robots (along with those lovable Furby creatures), claims that they will be beyond the scope of anything imagined before even the mechanical sensation "Tamogachi."

"What this corporation intends to give to your Campus Community surmounts anything ever seen

before, even by the Japanese. These robots will have a tight grip on everything that goes on around campus. Students can say goodbye to the days when crime was a prominent threat that hindered everyday activity and hello to boring nights of studying and chores," said Brown.

He went on to say, "These things can hunt down any individual who is having a good time while engaging in underage drinking."

In fact, they can be programmed to locate any fun and end it, using all means necessary."

Although development is not complete, sources say that the robots will come

equipped with an arsenal of ground-to-air missiles, machine-gun turrets, heat-seeking lasers and jetpacks that will allow them to reach heights exceeding 300 feet. Two of the models are being given enhancements that will allow them to run up to 200 mph, out-running even the fastest BMW or Mercedes on campus.

According to Brown, "The College ordered these models with these items, if you have a problem talk to them."

While it seems that most students are grateful for the protection that a regime of robot police will provide for

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Algeria - Dr. Judith Ridner, Assistant Professor of History, was arrested in a remote Algerian town after inciting a nationwide civil war. "It's simply my love of the American Frontier that inspired me to start this war," said Ridner. Algerian officials stated that they captured Ridner while she was rallying support for the opposition government in a small village. "I don't even speak Algerian!" claimed Ridner as she was arrested. Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika said, "I'm outraged at the damage that this woman has caused in her brief stay here in our once peaceful country. Oh, and tell Judy that we speak French, not Algerian!"

Malta - The State University of Malta announced today that Tau Kappa Epsilon, its first and last fraternity, has been permanently removed from campus after a disturbing series of events. "As soon as TKE was allowed on campus last year, almost every single female student failed our routine drug test. Further investigations led us to find that these students were all exposed to large doses of GHB during a campus-wide fraternity party," said Arthur Taylor, President of the University. Members of the fraternity are outraged with the disciplinary actions taken and have initiated an effort to get all 397,499 people living in the country to sign a petition supporting their return to campus.

Barundi - Students of the College studying abroad at the American University on Barundi were stricken with a strange disease that caused their throats to become swollen shut and permanently damaged their ability to speak. "We offered them an unlimited supply of salt and generic Blistex," said Inita Degree, Medical Director of the University. "Salt and Blistex are hardly perscription drugs and would do nothing to allieve our conditions," croaked a student. "Salt and water... It's just great to soothe your throat before your date," rhymed one of the nurses at a press conference televised internationally.

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Blue light bandit rampant on campus

BY BONNIE AND CLYDE
Weekly Renegades

As the doors came crashing in at 2216-2218 Liberty Street, the Blue Light Bandit and his reign of terror ended as Campus Safety's finest brought the bandit to his knees and slapped the cuffs on the man who had been escaping their grips for over two months.

The Bandit, who has been identified as David Sobotkin '03, Editor in Chief of *The Weekly*, has been in custody of Campus Safety since his arrest on Mar. 28.

"It came as a real shock for the entire Editorial staff to hear the news about

Dave," stated Matthew Meyers, Assistant Managing Editor of *The Weekly*. "If I were there that night that Campus Safety busted the door down at Dave's, I would have stood in the way and capped those bastards with my gat before they got to the Chief."

According to Campus Safety reports on past blue light incidents, Sobotkin is the guilty party of over ten missing blue lights that were ripped savagely from their places atop the yellow call box. According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, "Sobotkin has been responsible for every blue light incident that has occurred lately and the evidence for his dastardly deeds is displayed at a

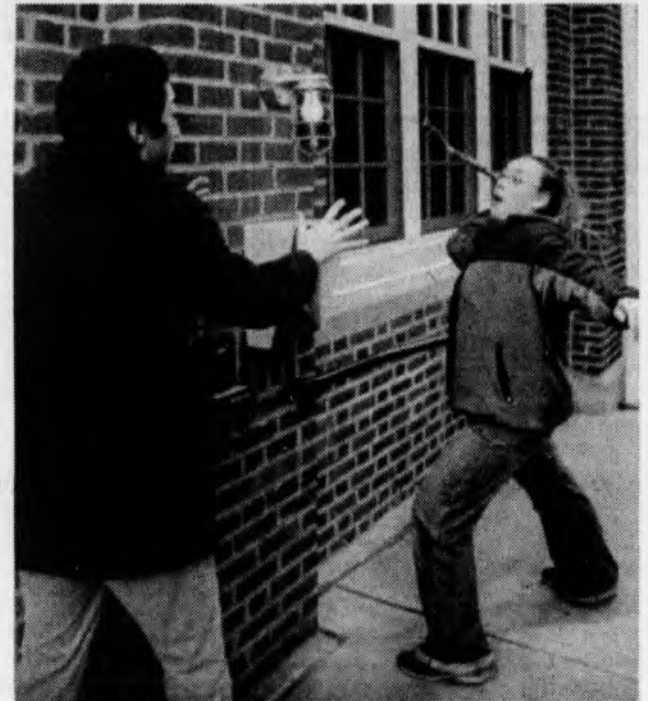
shrine he resurrected in his room on Liberty."

After coughing up a huge glob of spit mixed with Big Chief chewing tobacco into a cup, Lupole described the scene in an out-loud laughable voice as "very disturbing and very, very disgusting."

"He had pictures of him in the act of stealing every blue light that he ripped down around campus and of him conducting ceremonies with them," Lupole said.

From pictures of the shrine released by Campus Safety, it was determined that from the use of candles and incense, Sobotkin was guilty of enacting some sort of ritual that dedicated his

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The blue lights on campus receive daily batterings from the copycats of the infamous blue light bandit.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 24 - Alcohol Violation - Six students of the College were found in violation of being drunk while under the legal drinking age. The six young boozers were found passed out under Victor's Lament, vomit dripping from their mouths. It appears that the students all consumed too much booze and shortly there after began vomiting on themselves.

Mar. 24 - Social Code Violation - A student was found having sex with a chicken while in the men's bathroom in Moyer Hall. The student has been reported to the Judicial Process for his love sex with farm animals. The student has already been found guilty of screwing a pig in his room last month.

Mar. 24 - Public Nudity - Two students were arrested while having sex in their car while parked behind Seegers Union. Two individuals, Daniel Isanuk '05 and Manon Gorgan '05 were spotted when Isanuk's white ass was squished against the glass. After admiring the scenery for five minutes, the Campus Safety officer approached and contacted APD.

Mar. 25 - Drunk and Disorderly - Four students were caught running down Front Drive wearing nothing but ski masks and hats. One student, Jonathan Costanzo '05 was injured after he leaped through the air to grab a flag from one

of the light poles. Costanzo fell to the ground and cracked his head open. After being transported to the hospital, Costanzo was arrested for his act. The other three individuals are still unknown.

Mar. 25 - Fire Violation - Two students were caught smoking the reefer in their room. While hitting the bong, the student accidentally lit his rug on fire causing the smoke alarms to go off. In desperation, the two stoners decided that if the room was going up they needed to finish the pot before it burned up. The two students, Josh Brookstein '03 and Matt Targarona '03, died after the flames burnt their bodies in the middle of their fat session.

Mar. 25 - Theft - A student reported some missing thongs. Jon Canneto '05 claims that he used the underwear for his part-time dancing job in Allentown.

Mar. 25 - Theft - The Blue Light Bandit was identified as David M. Sobotkin '03. After months of exhaustive search, Sobotkin was identified as the culprit and apprehended.

Mar. 25 - Harassment - Two students were reportedly harassing another student while he was sleeping. For two nights the two culprits secretly found their way into the other student's room and proceeded to fondle him. The guilty party

has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 26 - Noise Complaint - Two students who got too into their bondage style sex woke up a neighbor who reported the sex machines to Campus Safety. After the students were warned to keep it down, Campus Safety officers stayed for a show from the two.

Mar. 26 - Vandalism - An individual reportedly found his way into the Housing Service Office and defecated on Aaron Bova's desk because Bova didn't approve him for off-campus housing and revoked his lottery number. The student has been identified by tests on his fecal matter and has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 26 - Vandalism - One student of Walz Hall defiled Jon Katz's '05 pillow when he pleased himself until reached his peak of ejaculation. The student reportedly carried out the masturbation session because Katz busted him for drinking.

Mar. 27 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student returning from Croc Rock after a night of drinking smashed his car into a light pole and fractured his neck. The student crashed because he was forced to leave campus and drink somewhere else for fear of being busted on campus.

Mar. 27 - Injured Student - A student, Brian Krisukas '05 was climbing a tree by East Hall when he was real smashed one night. As he reached the top, his other much drunker friend down below decided to throw tree branches at his friend in the tree. The student in the tree fell and is now in a wheel chair.

Mar. 28 - Assist Outside Agency - Robert Plonskier '05 was reported to the APD as being involved in the distribution of the drugs that were purchased by Taylor from the Chinese owned Campus Store. Plonskier supposedly also performed certain sexual favors for President Taylor in return for drugs.

Mar. 28 - Controlled Substance Violation - Two students who were transporting their fresh batch of fine Marijuana lost control of their huge sack of weed and spilled it throughout the hallway of Martin Luther Hall. The students failed to pick up all the ganja before an RA smelled it and busted them.

Mar. 29 - Fire Violation - Two students burnt their house down when they were bored one night because all the frats have been busted and there was no place to party.

Mar. 25 - Inappropriate Furniture Moving - Chairs were repeatedly found in the in the M.L. elevator. Jeffrey Kraft '05 has been

referred to the Judicial System.

Mar. 30 - Injured Student - A student was hit and critically injured by a car that failed to obey the driving rule that states that all cars should remain on the road. The injured student was walking across the Front Lawn when the car swerved off the road hit the student and drove off.

Mar. 31 - Terrorist Sighting - The apparent mastermind of Sept. 11, Osama bin Laden was spotted on campus by a student. Bin Laden accompanied by Saddam Hussein were seen eating at GQ when Campus Safety was called. Because it was lunchtime, Campus Safety decided to finish their lunches before responding. When they arrived at GQ the suspects were gone.

Mar. 31 - Theft - Director of Campus Safety, Ken Lupole, was reportedly stealing a giant 23-pound tub of Shepard's Pie from the Garden Room. Lupole was spotted backing out of the front door of Seegers with his face stuffed with the "yummy, yummy, yummy Shepard's Pie," in the words of Lupole.

Mar. 1 - Vandalism - Andy Baker '05 was referred to the Judicial Process after he was caught painting a mural of the College burning to the ground. He was depicted in the mural with a flame-thrower.

Student takes patriotic action

By GREEN LANTERN
Weekly News Hero

Some events are so powerful that they can change a nation; one of those events was the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001. The deaths of thousands have left a void in some people's hearts and have placed fear in the hearts of others. While maybe nothing but time can eliminate this terror for some people, one man vows to be trying to make an impact — his name, "9/11 Man."

While he has publicly praised those such as Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security, for all of his efforts, "9/11" (as his friends call him), feels that this is a mission for a man with real super powers, a man like him. Unfortunately to date, nobody has come forward having seen these superpowers in action. However, it is

widely known that he is handy with a safety razor and can and does shave off all of his body hair faster than the Waco Kid plays chess. In the past, he has vowed to rid Osama bin Laden of chest and facial hair, making him "nothing more than a naked mole rat of a man."

For all of his efforts to protect the people of America, the Commissioner of America's Pasttime, Bud Selig, is doing his part in honoring 9/11 Man. On July 4, the date appropriately rumored to be 9/11 Man's birthday, Commissioner Selig has announced that all baseball teams will be giving away the 9/11 Man bobble head doll. "The, how you say... bobble head weel incorporate 9/11 Man's face en di fireman body," said artist Foo Joy. What Joy actually did was to take a pre-made bobble face of famed Asian actor Chow Yun-Fat and

"[I] maked da eyes rounda."

Wherever the design came from, nobody seems to be questioning its likeness to 9/11 Man. "It looks like 9/11 Man," said Chip Hurd who does something at Muhlenberg College.

While the true identity of 9/11 Man remains a mystery, there have been rumors that he may be having an affair with a female Political Science professor, name unknown. When asked if he believed rumors that 9/11 Man lives on the 'Berg campus, Hurd commented, "I dunno... does he need a sidekick? I'd make a GREAT sidekick!"

With Hurd's experience as Assistant Dean of Students, he may make for a very loyal sidekick. Hurd continued, "I'd be like the Boo Boo to the Yogi, the Shaggy to the Scooby, the Barney to the Fred." While Hurd is not actually a cartoon character, his heart is in the right place.



9/11 Man poses in a noble posture, ready to fight the Taliban everywhere.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

"We may just have to wait and see if 9/11 Man goes for a sidekick, but until then, go to a Tigers game and get a ceramic 9/11 Man," said Selig.

Selig went on to say that though you may want a bobble-head before July 4,

watch out for counterfeits. According to Joy, "Der is a distinctive moking on di left foot, L.T." While Joy has never actually come forward with the meaning of the "L.T." marking some insiders have suggested it stands for, "Lookout Taliban."

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vicious deeds to the "blue light gods," according to Lupole.

Galen Mooney '03, Sobotkin's housemate, stated, "I don't know what was going on in that room, but I definitely didn't like the animal noises I heard."

Mooney said that Sobotkin's activities over the last few months appeared to be "somewhat odd." "I noticed that he started spending much more time in his room constructing some sort of shrine. He even put a combination lock on his door to keep us out."

Mooney also mentioned that Sobotkin began alluding to some sort of weird obsession he had with products of a plastic nature. "In one instance, he said that he frequently fantasized about Tupperware and other various plastic products and their use as a source of inspiration." Mooney further stated that she realized he was deeply involved with a plastic obsession, "when he began stealing my bras to melt down the plastic for his shrine."

As Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, banged on his bum leg to get the blood flowing again, he stated that he was "appalled by the news about Sobotkin." "I never imagined a fine young man such as Dave being involved in such disgusting plastic acts. It is obvious that he has

some deep seated issues with plastic."

Ehrenberg went on to say, "The College Community should rest assured and know that perverted individuals such as Dave Sobotkin will not be tolerated here. It is one thing to steal such vital College property as the blue beacons of hope, but to use them for horrific religious ceremonies in which plastic is his god is something that is even more intolerable at this institution." The mystery of the Blue Light Bandit went unknown to Campus Safety for a great deal of time. Despite efforts to trap Sobotkin when he attempted to steal blue lights in the past, Campus Safety was unable to get him.

"Every time we thought we had him, he got away. I guess weird plastic freaks like this nasty mo-fo are good at slipping out of trapped situations," said Lupole. Lupole said that the back of a t-shirt was found near the scene that had a very distinct phrase on it. Lupole said that the t-shirt back read, "Putting out since 1883." "As soon as we saw it we knew that *The Weekly* was the first place to look."

After a *Weekly* member who will remain nameless came forward and explained his experience with Sobotkin, Campus Safety had enough evidence to crash in on Sobotkin's place and "get that little perverted bastard," said Lupole.

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pletely outdated." Lupole further stated, "This place is an obvious front for drugs. Any idiot can tell from the outside that drug dealing is going on. I can't believe we didn't see it five years ago."

Former president of the College, Arthur Taylor along with the Kims met

soon developed a severe crack problem. "I knew he had a problem when I caught him getting high on the job in his office," stated Taylor's former Executive Secretary, Dorothy Kitlar. "I had to tear him from the top of Haas when he was convinced that he could fly among the birds. I found him there one afternoon high as a kite screaming 'I

removal from office last summer and his placement in rehab. In addition to Taylor, Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students as well as Jose Alvarez a former GQ employee with "connections," according to Lupole were all involved in the scam. No members of the College Administration agreed to comment on the situation, however Taylor released a statement from his rehab facility in Vermont. "I love crack and I love the students of the College. All I wanted to do was share my love for crack with them," he said in the release.

Lupole issued a statement and press conference with the media after the two Chinese drug dealers were removed from the store. "This certainly is a proud day for Campus Safety," Lupole began. "We have now taken a firm stance against illegal drug dealers. You can all rest assure that the members of the College Administration will be dealt with swiftly and strictly in the Judicial Process." As for the two Chinese owners, their drugs have been confiscated and stored in Campus Safety Headquarters for the time being (except for the personal stash that Kim managed to smuggle into APD station).

am god, I am a bird, if I jump I know I can fly." Kitlar said she was "so scared of him when he was high. He was always jumping around with a crazy look in his eye."

Kitlar informed the Board of Trustees about Taylor's problem. The Board took immediate action against Taylor, which led to his



The Campus Shop Snack Bar is the site for extensive drug trafficking.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

regularly for a few months before the final plans were made and sales began to the College. Lupole stated, "Taylor was involved in the planning right from the beginning." Taylor's participation, however, was only temporary. After he realized that he had access to quality drugs whenever he felt like getting high, he

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them, other aspects of the project do seem questionable.

Although details are vague, sources are saying that all of the robots will be installed with X-Ray vision capabilities. The views from cameras installed in their eyes will be on closed-circuit television broadcast in the Campus Safety office. Many students see this as an invasion of privacy, however, and some have been decidedly outspoken.

Daniel Isanuk '05 explains, "These robots will be so omnipresent that college life just won't be exciting anymore. It's expected that students at a college are going to engage in deviant behavior. And I think most people would be weirded out by robots watching over them as they sleep." When questioned about whether or not the addition of robot police would pose a threat to students' privacy, Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, answered, "No. They're not human like me...It's not as if human beings with human emotions and feelings are watching over you as you sleep. They're robots. They don't feel like we do."

He went on to say, "God would not have put all these elements on our earth if he didn't expect us to drill them out of the ground so that we could use them to build robots to watch and protect over us, maybe one day they will spank us if we are bad boys."

Additionally, many students have complained about the prospect of 10 to 15 foot robots prowling about campus. Johnny Canneto '05 argues, "Having gigantic robots moving about campus is just going

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last), says that he has known Jaffee for almost three years, and if he finds him, he vowed that Jaffee is dead (though due to legal advice he now "swears" he was joking the whole time).

Once notified of Jaffee's appointment as Czar, Jackson proceeded to vomit, throw a bottle wrapped in a brown paper bag and scream, "I need a Colt f*ing .45." Happiness was not the word to describe the scene.

According to college officials, Jaffee's first goal will be to rid the school of "marijuana, ganja, grass, dope, weed, skunk, Mary-Jane, cannabis, reefer, herb, herb and whacktabacky."

Though it was unrelated to this story, Bruckner sobbed, "But I loved Mr. Rogers."

Jaffee's main point to all students: "My birthday was last week, if you missed it you can redeem yourself, I like Cheech and Chong movies and The Grateful Dead," clearly tools of the trade to rid the College of this demon.

to seem menacing. I don't know about other people, but I don't want these big guys looming over me as I walk to class. I would feel much safer smoking my drugs and drinking my alcohol without them around." But according to Mr. Brown, this will not be the case. He claims that each robot will be imbued with distinct personalities and characteristics, so as to make them more approachable. One robot, Spider, will have an arachnid structure topped by a revolving Bill Cosby head that will spew a series of nine gracious remarks.

Another model, Melchior, will navigate with tank rollers, which will support its rotating body, on top of which will be inserted the skull and upper-spine of the late Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, whose frozen brain cells will be coded onto the robot's memory chip, giving it an authoritative yet fair attitude, and a compulsion towards alcohol that it will physically never be able to satisfy.



The Melchior model of the new Campus Safety robots has an authoritative, yet fair attitude.

GRAPHIC BY ABBI SHAROFKY

Mr. Brown went on to describe another model, Bradley, a robot that occasionally goes on the fritz and blows shit up. Brown claims, "Bradley has been programmed to

actually want to attend campus social events. He has a way of making students want to attend these events as well - maybe it's the missiles."

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choice!

"Because I swear there was GHB in my drink."

--Any given female at TKE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL PERSON TO STAR IN MCTV'S *THE WHORE*?



"Dean Carol Shiner Wilson, because her body is slammin'!"

--T.R. Eehugger

"Dr. Shive, because back in his day, he was a hottie. Wait...he still is."

-- The Biology Bear



"Curtis Dretsch, because, well...you know...you know..."

--Babar Peebody

"I can't pick one DZ sister over all the others."

--A contemplative student on a somber afternoon



"Margie Hass...those golden locks and mad sexy curves are irresistible!"

--Soopah Cheff

COMPILED BY SOME LOSERS WHO REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH ELSE TO DO WITH THEIR LIFE THAN ASK LOTS OF PEOPLE DUMB QUESTIONS

The Whore to air on MCTV



Whether shy or embarrassed, the star of MCTV's risqué TV show, *The Whore*, poses coyly yet does not reveal her identity until the airing of the show this Monday night.

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

BY SCHWEATY SNATCH
Resident Schlut

What's the difference between *Married by America* and *Star Search*? That's easy, it's sex. Let's face it, watching prepubescent children sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" is just not as arousing or exciting as seeing two fiancées getting it on in their new home. Sex sells, and here at the College, it is well known that those of us who are not getting any play can at least get some action on the good ol' telly.

With that in mind, MCTV has announced that it is not only going to hold its own version of *American Idol*; it is also going to try something a

little more adventurous and titillating (no pun intended). Much like the popular show *The Bachelorette*, MCTV will be airing *The Whore* starting this Monday, April 7th, at 9 p.m.

The Whore will be very much like the show from which it is based. Twenty-five horny young men--surprisingly not all were Greeks--were chosen through a rigorous application and interview process to determine who would be the most compatible with the female chosen to be the whore. Adam Cavanaugh '03, President of MCTV, said that the boys are "the kind of guys who are desperate for a bit of ass, and are willing to go on TV to get

it." These fine specimens of the human race include Mitch Cooper '05, Mike Tentindo '06, Kyle Freda '04, Matt Levine '04, Beny Jose '05, Sketchy John '05, Dylan Moulton '05, Marc Gollub '05, Nick Richardson '05, the late Mike Yellin '05, Nick Lentis '03 and Dave Kenny '03, just to name a few.

The whore herself has yet to be publicly named, but Jeff Ziskind '03, Vice President of MCTV and producer of the show, gave a few clues. "She is a brunette, she's a junior and she's on the Campus Safety Committee of Student

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They've got Wood!

A hot romance steams up 'Berg's kitchen

By MUY GORDO
GQ Fryer Fanatic

It's spring and the smell of love and Abe's kosher stir-fry are in the air. While outside the birds are chirping and the squirrels are copulating, whirls of steamy romance permeate the tiled walls of GQ's Action Station. Caught by a horrified student patron in a man-handling embrace, the beloved and easily teased GQ Gary and sweet pea Celia of the Garden Room Dinner Hour publicly revealed their long-time attraction for one another. "He is so pretty," Celia claimed with a wink and seductive, toothless smile.

The couple met in the military while Gary, known to his friends at the time as "Honey Tush," was an Assistant Fryer in the Army. Celia was Senior Packaged-Meat-Unwrapper, and for



GQ Gary lounges seductively as he recounts the beginning of his lustful love affair with Celia of the Garden Room.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

the duration of the war, was Gary's commanding officer in the greasy-food chain of command.

Throughout their time of service overseas, Gary and

Celia continuously flirted, yet never confessed their true feelings nor consummated their love.

Gary felt hindered and slightly intimidated by Celia's superior status and brawn, yet he couldn't resist her sensuality. Both youths had commitments back home as well. "I had Chuck back in Harlem, and Celia had her cat at home," Gary sweetly reminisces. "It just wouldn't have been right," he

adds. So their love remained suppressed for decades, yet their emotions lingered on in their hearts like the smell of tuna fish or Garden Room marinated tofu.



The adorable and cuddly Celia of the Garden room flashes a sparkling smile when she talks about Gary and his tight buttocks.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

For almost 30 years, both Gary and Celia lived busy, yet unfulfilled lives. Ever since their return to the States, both have experienced an indescribable

yearning, a heart-wrenching void that couldn't be filled with S'more Sundaes or soggy, stale brownies. "I like cookies," Celia explains. "But cookies are not Gary," she says.

Despite their misery, fate was working overtime. After fifteen years of working with meat, which reminded him of Celia's ample figure, and frolicking in cheese-steakery goodness, Gary was hired as a GQ Supervisor in 1992. While Gary was refilling the hazelnut coffee dispenser with Mule Kicker Punch one day, he felt an eerie presence lurking behind his back. He spun around like a toddler ballerina, his apron flying through the air like a chiffon pink tutu. There stood

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The Weekly's treasure trove of photos exposed!

Prize-winning pictures that make us all proud



Taken last semester at the beginning of the College's Magic Series, this allegedly portrays some guy doing some sort of indistinguishable magic trick, maybe...who knows. It is called "I have spatula for an arm, and believe you me, it's great for the love life...with myself!"



Top: One of the best works on file, "Me show my favorite lubricant," pays homage to everyone's favorite old man, Santa Claus.

Bottom: Entitled "Mel Gibson In The Man Without a Face got nuffin' on me," the photographer comes in for a close-up.



There is no way anyone can tell what this picture displays. That is why it's amazing and should be submitted in a country-wide college photography contest.



Capturing the vibrant spirit of yet another old man with Alzheimer's disease, this masterpiece is titled "Is that your breast? May I have a sip? I have no teeth. I left them in my pull-ups." The photographer has a keen eye for the elderly.

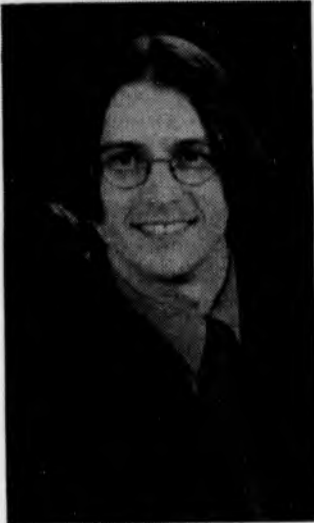
Muggle Mules vs. Hogwarts Hussies

Hass and Katz cream Dumbledore and Potter in Triwizard Tournament

BY DRACO MALFOY
Closet Milli Vanilli Fan

After arriving in Allentown like baby-snatchers in the middle of the night and stopping for some crumpets, tea and crack at Dina's Ghetto Diner on Liberty Street, Hogwarts Professor Dumbledore (miraculously resurrected from the grave) and pipsqueak Harry Potter whisked onto campus to meet a challenge like they've never met before. House magician and crazy man Larry Hass, Ph.D., and Larry-Hass-wannabe Jon Katz '05 invited the fictional duo for a "relaxing weekend in beautiful suburban Allentown" at last year's annual TriWizard Tournament, which was held at the Witch's Brew coffee house in Long Island, NY.

"We never thought they'd



Left: Funky-haired Larry Hass invited Dumbledore and Potter to the campus for some friendly competition.
Right: A magician in the making, John Katz '04 practices his "let-me-see-if-I-can-make-my-eyes-crossed-and-stay-like-that" trick.



PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFKY

actually come," shivers Katz, slightly intimidated by Dumbledore's and Potter's brute force and chiseled old man and prepubescent muscles. That's not

all Katz and Hass have to worry about. The fierce fairies from Hogwarts will demonstrate their skills in

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Celia in her green frock and black bow-tie, and Gary shrieked girlishly with joy, "Cecilia, my love!" "I is Celia, no Cecilia," Celia retorted. "No bother!" Gary sang, and the two interlocked in an embrace so strong, big Tom Osborne couldn't even pry them apart.

The presence of such a sexually charged relationship in the ranks at first had General Manager John Pasquarello concerned. "I didn't know if their often uncontrollable urges to hug each other would interfere with their very serious and heavy work load," says Pasquarello. Despite his qualms, Pasquarello has yet to catch them in an offensive act.

Pasquarello claims that the lovebirds haven't done anything too distasteful in either the General Quarters Servery area, where food and beverage consumption are prohibited, nor in the Garden Room, "at least not during business hours."

When the couple was questioned whether they've

practiced any intimate acts in any of the 'Berg's eateries, Gary giggled and sashayed away. "We make hot in the Lelah Room," confessed Celia as her cheeks became rosy.

At the end of the semester when all the students leave GQ and GR empty and available for the summer, Gary and Celia plan to enter into the student lottery and rent out a two-person M.I.L.E. house on North 23rd Street. "The plaid stained couches are exquisite," Gary notes of Aaron Bova's unique decorating flair. After they decorate their apartment with Nelson twin posters, Gary and Celia plan to be married by Rev. Peter Bredlau this summer, and within two years they want to have 1.9 kids and a 1987 purple Chevy Malibu. Celia's vows will begin with "He is cute like a gerbil," at which Gary sheds a joyous tear. Each smiling service worker's enthusiasm, smitten glances and air-blown kisses clearly dictate that this 'Berg love affair will last far beyond the spring and well into the future.

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three stiff competitions that constitute this year's TriWizard Tournament with the Mule magicians: Quidditch at Kern Field, faculty panel discussion and Battle of the Bands.

Despite Potter's sugary sweet demeanor and heart-of-gold rescue tactics in J.K. Rowling's literary series on his life, Harry Potter is actually quite nasty and spoiled. Throughout the past few days on campus, students have overheard Potter's spastic mudslinging as he swings like Quasimodo from the Nipple of Knowledge, Haas Tower. "Your crazy mofo mop-top gots nuffin' on my fully-jacked oozie Nimbus 2000!"

Potter shrieked in ebonics to Hass, who calmly discussed strategy with Katz for their Quidditch match (see Sports). "We may be Muggles, but we're also Mules, and we'll kick their scrawny British asses," commented the wise Hass.

"The only thing that would make me hate that four-eyed pimple factory more would be if he was French," chimed in Katz.

Since the College is all about academics, Dumbledore agreed to join a faculty panel on sorcery, witchcraft and tomato paste preparation with Dr. Hass of the Philosophy Dept., Dr. Kovats-Bernat of the Anthropology Dept. and

Waad, GQ cashier. When asked a question on why he thinks Tony Blair is cooler than George W. Bush, Dumbledore stood up and talked for two hours about his favorite Bertie Bot Jelly Bean Flavor (which is Vomit) and how many diapers he goes through per day. Josh Brookstein '03, who of course was in attendance for this riveting discussion, was so impressed with Dumbledore's distinguished response that he stood up and made a motion (although he has no power to do so) that Dumbledore replace Dean Dretsch as Dean of Faculty. To this Dretsch responded, "Why not? One cartoon character must be replaced by another!" Dean Wilson seconded Brookstein's inadmissible motion, and it was unanimously decided that Dumbledore will return in the fall to an administrative post.

For the Tournament's third event, the Queen's magical duo decided to test their luck and give the coup de gras in a music competition held in front of the fireplace in Seegers Union. 'Berg house band The Rebel Saints were gracious enough to sacrifice their drummer and lead guitarist for the sake of the competition. For the set of eighties music with selections from Devo, the Bangles and Twisted Sister (all American pop icons, mind

you...), Potter beat the drums incessantly without any sense of rhythm like Muppet Baby Animal, to which the elderly and deaf Dumbledore responded, "It's music to my ears!" Dumbledore materialized on stage in place of guitarist Steve DeMeo '04 much to the crowd's dismay. The headmaster's guitar rifts were slurred and unskilled, and the rest of the band decided to set his moon-and-star cloak afire with him still in it during the last song of the set, which was Madonna's "Like a Virgin."

"Those freaks suck at music," said one of the 'Berg's highly intelligent Plant-Ops workers, who was one of a whopping three audience members. "Yeah, they really blow chunks and donkey brains," replied another.

Since Dumbledore was burned to ashes and not yet resurrected like his bird Fawkes, and Harry Potter was booed off-stage and is now committed to Camelot House in downtown Allentown, Hass and Katz won the music competition without having to lift an eyebrow, finger or wand. "Yay for Mules!" shouted the team queerly in unison. Katz proclaims with glory and vigor, "We came, we saw and we kicked their fairy asses." Congrats to Dr. Hass and Mr. Katz; they've beaten fictional fairies into oblivion!

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Council." Ziskind also added that she is "a member of Delta Zeta."

Just like in *The Bachlorette*, at the end of each show a group of the studs will be eliminated. Unlike *The Bachlorette*, however, where Trista gave her chosen men a rose to show that she wanted them, *The Whore* has another twist. Each night the boys will be given a different object that increases in value, much like in *Joe Millionaire*. However, instead of being upgraded from pearls to diamonds, the progression of objects in *The Whore* will follow an upward trend not in monetary but rather sexual value.

On the first night, the strapping young lads will be given tissues and hand lotion. A few shows later, those who remain will be given a copy of a book on Kama Sutra, and so on. As for the finale of *The Whore*, Cavanaugh wouldn't specifically say what the chosen man would be given. He did say, however, that "it involves a gift basket of sorts, and the contents include contraceptive protection and a few toys of the whore's choosing."

Now, it almost goes without saying that the goal of the show is for the whore to choose a man with whom she would like to sleep. In order to determine who gets

the honor, the whore will go on group dates with her suitors. These dates, however, will not include trips to Sea World, Aurora, Illinois' Six Flags Great America or a health spa. No, these dates will commence at more exotic, undisclosed locations, such as The Mirage adult nightclub in Easton or Scarlett's Grand International in Allentown. The whore will also take a select group of men to her favorite store, The Big Beaver Adult Store in Beaver Falls, Pa.

At each location the men will be given certain tasks. For example, at the Big Beaver the men will each have to pick out the toy they think the whore would most like to use. Ziskind remarked that "there was quite a selection at the store, and while I cannot publicize what each guy picked out, the whore left quite happy and fulfilled." It is interesting to note that the bookstore is all out of double-A and C batteries.

As *The Whore* will air next week and continue for the last few weeks of classes, the whole of the series has already been taped. However, *The Weekly* was allowed to take a few photographs of the whore, provided that her identity not be made known to students and faculty in the College community. When asked if she enjoyed being featured in the show, she said, "Of course I did. I am not quite sure why I was chosen to be the whore, but Jeffie [Ziskind], or as I like to call him late at night 'El Jefe,' said I was the very first person the show's producer thought of to star." And what does she think of her chosen mate? "He's better than my last boyfriend, or pimp. I sometimes feel like everyone in East can hear us, and the leather straps sort of chafe, but I am having a grand ol' time. Would you care to join us sometime?"

When the reality shows on commercial TV networks become too "PG" for you, be sure to watch *The Whore*. While it is not as exciting as, say, a Thursday at Sig Ep, you at least cannot get a disease by just watching. And you could learn a trick or two from the whore herself. Who knows, you may end up on the show at some point yourself. What greater honor is there?

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By Jenna Jamison, Pamela Anderson and Jessica Rabbit

Aries

"I am a toilet of sadness. Oh well, at least I'm not a dying whore." -Lewis Kinisky from *The Drew Carey Show*. Be thankful for what you have. Ever since you heard that TKE was shut down, you've been having an odd sensation of burning "down there." Since you were smart enough to get tested, you realized that you indeed do have "the clap." You are a whore, but not a dying one, so count your blessings and don't go sleeping with any more random people, even if they are "sooo cute." Do yourself a favor and get some protection. Condoms are available in the Health Center, and you'll find all the primary colors of latex in Hillel.

Taurus

"Where are you going? To him? To be a whore to a gutter rat?" -Cal Hockley from *Titanic*. You need to set your sights higher. Just because you have beer goggles doesn't mean that you need to hook up with the first femme fatal or macho man that you see. Trust me, when you roll over in the morning and you smell that rank breath and see that withered face, greasy hair and flabby gut, you'll wish you were a little more selective. And for gosh sakes, stop picking up the bouncers, of

all people. There are much, much better fish in the sea. Wait, we just looked around. Maybe not.

Gemini

"Whore." Whore.

Cancer

"You're a whore! Admit it! Admit you're a big whore!" -Matt Douglas from *My Fellow Americans*. It may be beneficial for you to join a twelve-step program. You are a whore. Say it with us now. "I am a whore. I know I am a whore. I am proud to be a whore." Then go practice your whoreness. Strut your stuff, you fine sexy thang. Academic Row is just waiting for you.

Leo

"Just like my momma always said...just because a whore don't charge doesn't mean she ain't a whore!" -Mike from the film *Gary & Mike*. Take this advice: Don't give it out for free. You've got the stuff, you might as well get something out of it. So if there's a new Prada bag you want, withhold until you receive the object of your desire. Either way, you're a slut, so you might as well get something else out of it. And fellas, you might as well shell out the cash because, let's face it,

you can't live without ass.

Virgo

"My name is Scylla, and I'm a whore. Everybody's heard of me." -Scylla from the *I, Claudius*. This is true for you, except that your name isn't Scylla. It could be Mike or Lauren or Habib or any name really, but no matter what your name is, you are a whore. It doesn't matter what your name is, you put out. So lay it on me Sal...Bob...er...wait what is it again? Who cares. Shut up and ride hard.

Libra

"She ain't been puttin' out for me ever since I called her a fat dumb whore." -Percy from *Kevin Spencer*. It's a very bad idea to call your bed-time buddy fat and dumb. It has been shown in certified psychological studies, especially those in the highly regarded *Cosmopolitan* magazine, that derogatory comments, especially ones about body image, do not lead to nookie. So overlook the beer belly, the cellulite, the green teeth and the toe fungus. And if you're straight, overlook the same sex genitalia as well. Ass is ass.

Scorpio

"Oh man. Who knew that one beer could turn a cheerleader into such a whore!" -Fez

from *That 70's Show*. Alcohol is a mighty dangerous thing. Regardless of whether you fly through the air with the greatest of ease, or you are just plain easy, watch out for those brewskies. Natty Ice and Beast are stronger than you might think. As far as jungle juice goes, watch out for that mixed drink goodness. While you may go to the frats with that "perfectly reasonable" tube top on, those six beers may have you stripping before you can say "beer gut." Use body tape if you have to, and keep yourself restrained. And if that doesn't scare you, just think of *Girls Gone Wild*. Boys, this applies to you as well.

Sagittarius

"I'm a crack-whore who should have made my skeezy boyfriend wear a condom." -Biance from *Ten Things I Hate About You*. There is a time to live and there is a time to die. There is a time for joy and a time for sorrow. And there is a time for creation and there is a time for keeping that darn rubber on! Please, for the sake of all creation, keep the jimmy hat intact.

Capricorn

"Goddammit, Mr. Lamarr, sir, you use your tongue purdier than a

twenny dollar whore!" -Taggart from *Blazing Saddles*. You are blessed with an eloquent gift of speech. You articulate your slurs, moans and cackling with classical musicality. Everyone just loves your random shouting of profanities at professors in Parents Plaza. "Oh you crazy, schizophrenic, bipolar lunatic!" they say lovingly. Keep at it, nutso.

Aquarius

"Journalists are like whores; as high as their ideals may be, they still have to resort to tricks to make money." -Pierce Thorn (whoever that is). The best job you'll get as a journalist is at *The Weekly* for the April Fools issue. Give it up, stinky. You suck as a writer. Your writing has an odor so pungent, even the STD-infested whores and slimy spring earthworms run from you with Lysol on their backs (yes, earthworms have backs, stupid).

Pisces

"Die with the reputation of a whore and never know the joys." -Unknown. Who is this Unknown creep kidding? You're a Communication major; what's that going to get you? Certainly not a job, so Nothing! Whore it out, baby!

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QUIDDITCH

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the biggest thrill of my life."

Quidditch will be played over the football field. Much like in a romantic rendezvous during the MTA formal, four balls are used. "We try to score more than a Sig Ep brother tries to score on Thursday night," says team seeker. While the quaffle gets tossed around, the beaters keep the whizzing bludgers from hitting the chasers and the seeker by using wooden

bats. The seeker tries to catch the golden snitch, which flies around. Each goal with the quaffle is worth ten points, while catching the snitch is 150.

The entire Quidditch team is busy practicing for their upcoming games against Hogwarts in Britain, and Durmstang. "We have been practicing hard," says team keeper Philli Divine. "I can't wait to get out there and beat those other teams to a pulp. The sooner we can get out of practicing in the Underground, the better."

See track run, run track run

BY RE RUN

Weekly Sports Fat Guy

The track team went to the meet and ran several races and that involved a lot of numbers.

Spring Team Photos

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track & field

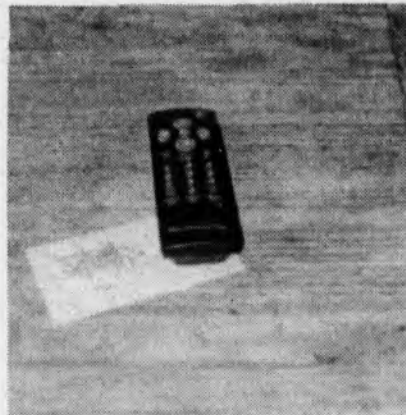
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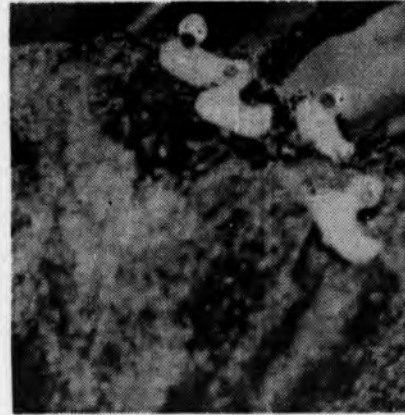
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Men's lacrosse



Men's golf



Women's golf



Pepe's monstrous muscles and brute strength take student's life

BY MAGNUS VER MAGNUSSON
Strong Man

Pepe and his muscles.

PHOTO BY ABBIE SHAROFKY

Sophomore Frank Pepe, a 160 lb member of the Muhlenberg wrestling team, took the life of Tim Jones, his Gettysburg opponent, last Saturday. As stated by Tom McBrady, Lehigh Valley Medical Examiner, Jones died a due to a "severe brain hemorrhage and cavity, ear and other tissue explosion."

Pepe, a business major from Wayne, NJ, mounted his opponent and proceeded to kill him with his brute strength. "I can't believe this," Pepe stated. "I was holding his neck and had my

triceps on his ear. When I flexed my massive muscles, he went limp."

Unaware of his own enormous strength, Pepe is ashamed of the behemoth muscles, upon which he once prided himself. Although Pepe maintains incredible biceps, pectoral muscles and triceps, he has now decided to steer clear of the weight room. "This is out of hand," Pepe said. "My muscles are getting way too large -- I have vowed to stop lifting, for the safety and well being of my peers."

McBrady, after examining Pepe's body, stated that Pepe's "abnormally large

muscles" are very rare. "The chest muscles include the pectoralis major and pectoralis minor. These areas on Pepe are unhealthily large, definitely the most gigantic set of muscles I have ever seen."

Pepe, with his mammoth muscles, claims the incident was an "honest mistake." Mistake or not, Pepe is regretful of his actions and claims that Jones will always hold a special place in his heart.

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SPORTS

New tennis courts means new outlet for Dretsch

BY VERN YIP
Trading Spaces

The ongoing battle between the College and the tennis team may be near a compromise. The College has agreed to replace the courts lost by the renovations to the Life Sports Center and relocate them to a "more conducive spot."

On Wednesday, Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty announced this much hyped location. "The land behind Benfer Hall will be the home to two all new tennis courts," said Dretsch. While initial concern was that the courts would be on approximately a thirty-degree angle, women's tennis Coach Linda Andrews was quick to alleviate any worries posed by team members. "I think it gives us an advantage... it's like when a team goes into Mile High Stadium, they aren't used to the thin air. When people think of Muhlenberg tennis they will think of



The traditional courts will be replaced by a high-tech tennis facility equip with flowing lava and wrought iron.

"the slope." According to Junior tennis sensation Sarah Niebler, "it will be like the green monster... but less tall and more slopish."

While these courts may already seem a little out of the ordinary, according to Dretsch the courts will pos-

sess a new flair. Though Dretsch (a part-time interior designer) is without Kathryn Taylor, (who assisted Dretsch in co-designing Moyer Hall as well as South and Robertson Halls), he feels that his new tennis courts combine elegance

and serviceability. "One major change that is in the works is replacing the traditional 'net' with a more solid structure... maybe black wrought iron," commented Dretsch.

There are some other minor changes that the

design team is still working on. One of these modifications would be to change the traditional white lines into fiery lines of molten lava demarcation. "It adds to the difficulty of the game," said Rachel Kleiner '05. Following up with "I love it, I love it, it's ridiculous." While it is true that this may be a-mazing, it may also be a potential safety risk. "It's true, people could burn limbs off maybe even their heads if they are truly dedicated, but skin grafting is getting better and better on a daily basis," said a man who asked to only be referred to as "Doctor" Miranda. Plus, Dretsch added, "Lava is so much more aesthetically pleasing than white -- totally passe."

The courts are expected to be completed by the start of the Fall 2003 semester. However, the lava suppliers warn that with the war in Iraq, the fifty barrels of lava needed may not be available for several more weeks into the semester.

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Quidditch team brought to the College by Harry himself



The newly varsitized Quidditch team flying toward the golden snitch.

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BY JERRY NIGHT
Weekly Quidditch Expert

With the disbanding of the tennis teams, there's room for a new sport on campus. While it is not well known, Quidditch

His name is Harry -- my name is Harry. Coincidence? No. He's my hero!

Matt Meyers

has been an underground club sport here at the College. Now with the help of their coach, Arlene Vito, the Quidditch team is taking flight, literally.

Quidditch is indeed a real sport for whoever has not considered it to be one. It's become popular due to the release of the Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling. Harry Meyers '04, beater for the 'Berg team, was particularly excited about

Potter's visit. Says Meyers, "I could not have been happier than when I saw the Harry Potter series on campus. His name is Harry -- my name is Harry. Coincidence? No. He's my hero!"

Meyers was not the only member of the team to start pitching a tent due to Potter's visit and obtaining varsity status of the team. Rachel Schatz '04, the team's seeker, was so pumped up that she has been riding her broomstick daily. "I just get off on riding this long hard wooden pole all day. It is

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Competition heightens at Greek Week events

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Life! Editor

Once every academic year in the spring, all the Greek organizations on campus come together for some friendly and sometimes not-so-pleasant competition. A varied compilation of the battles and brain-benders constitute Greek Week, which began Apr. 2, and ends today, Apr. 10.

The participating teams in this year's competition are Phi Sigma Sigma (Phi Sig), Phi Mu, Delta Zeta (DZ), Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Kappa Tau (PKT), Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) and Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep). Greek Week's events include softball, volleyball, swimming, floor hockey, tennis and soccer tournaments. Among the non-athletic competitions are Jeopardy, based on the long-running super trivia game show, and wacky billiards in the newly furnished and re-vamped Red Door Café.

Each team can earn a certain amount of points based on their performance in each event. The two teams with the highest scores will

compete for first place, and the two teams with the lowest scores will compete for third place. Each sporting event is judged and monitored by an outside, non-Greek judge who is usually a 'Berg student varsity athlete from the respective sport in order to minimize bias.

All of the Greek Week activities were organized and scheduled by the Panhellenic Council (Panhel) and Inter Fraternal Council (IFC).

The PKT brothers geared up before last Wednesday by practicing Tug, one of the two most important events, with the sororities and "[building] up their muscles to get in shape," said PKT's Treasurer and IFC representative, Dan Engelberg '04. He also says that one brother even got a tan for the swimming competition. Engelberg, along with some of his brothers and IFC, organized an unusual and potentially dangerous event last Friday in the Garden Room. Like the expert and internationally sensational Iron Chefs on TV, members of the three fraterni-

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Steffy reduces TKE fraternity suspension

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

The Kappa Epsilon (TKE) may begin recolonization in 2005, a year earlier than Hearing Board recommendations, after James Steffy, Interim President upheld the findings of the Hearing Board while reducing the suspension by a year.

"I have upheld the Hearing Board findings and the Appeal Board findings so that TKE is suspended and will be able to return in the fall of 2005 as a substance-free fraternity," said Steffy. "Based on the evidence that the Hearing Board heard and based on the procedures reviewed by the Appeal Board, I believe suspension was warranted."

The original three-year suspension of TKE was approved by Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty/VP for Academic Affairs, Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students,

the Judicial Appeals Board and the Hearing Board comprised of three students, a faculty chair and a staff member.

Steffy explained that he reduced the suspension by one year because all of the fraternity's current members on campus are expected to graduate by the fall of 2005. While Steffy has not upheld all of the sanctions recommended by the Hearing Board by reducing the suspension, he said, "I have upheld the intent of the Hearing Board."

Steffy explained that TKE has had a long history with the College. According to Steffy, Greek life has "had a long tradition on campus, including TKE. Alumni, when they were here, had a variety of positive experiences through the fraternity including fellowship that is remembered for a lifetime."

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Abby Van Houten '05, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma, plays billiards during the Greek Week games.

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Students active in conference

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Asst. News Editor

In an attempt to gain the skills needed to stand up for their beliefs, students of the College participated in the New Student Activism conference on Apr. 5. The Conference, sponsored by the Public Engagement Project (PEP) and funded by a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, was created to "bring people together... We wanted a place for them to meet and have the opportunity to talk. Also, we wanted to create an environment for informed discussion and we wanted to bring in students who are interested in activism and haven't learned much about it," said Dr. Giacomo Gambino, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the PEP.

The Conference began with keynote speaker Jim Hightower, a well known political activist. Hightower appeared before the nearly full Center for the Arts Recital Hall to give his heated speech. Throughout his talk, Hightower questioned many of the ways in which our current government handles political situations and was highly anti-Bush

referring to Bush as "King George the W," among other things. "The central issue facing our democracy is whether we're going to have one," said Hightower.

In the midst of his anti-Bush comments, Hightower stressed the importance of activism with a sense of humor. "Battling the bastards is about as much fun as you can have with your clothes on," commented Hightower in an attempt to encourage student activism. He later said, "[Activism] is essential if we are to have a democracy."

Hightower also used a variety of cleverly worded metaphors to get his point across, mentioning how spectators should not allow the government to "strip mine [their] souls" and comparing a political agitator to the internal workings of a washing machine, "the agitator is the center post in the washing machine that gets the dirt out," said Hightower.

Overall, the audience responded very well to Hightower's arguments.

The speaker attracted activists from Kutztown University, King's College, and even a number of area activists.

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Apparent disregard for judicial process

WITH THE DECISION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT JAMES Steffy to modify the sanction of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (see "Steffy reduces TKE fraternity suspension," page one), *The Weekly* is led to question the President's respect for the judicial process.

The Judicial Hearing Board dedicated a significant amount of time reviewing written and oral evidence from witnesses, and even more time in private deliberation, to arrive at their determination and recommended sanction.

Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, upheld the determination and sanction. The Judicial Appeals Board upheld the determination and sanction. Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College for Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs, upheld the determination and sanction. It was following the review of the above that President Steffy reconsidered the case. One must assume a deferential approach to the board that hears the primary evidence.

It should be noted that Steffy's review is by no means automatic. His review is discretionary--activated by his own choice, neither by mandate nor custom. It was not until President Steffy took affirmative steps to alter the sanction that the process broke down. Activating his discretionary authority to review judicial cases, Steffy steamrolled over the determination of constituted the bodies and imposed his own view.

The Weekly believes that the Judicial Hearing Board had good reason to recommend suspension for three years. This is further illustrated with concurrences by the Dean of Students, Judicial Appeals Board and the Dean of the College for Faculty.

The usurpation of judgment by Steffy is disturbing in light of the charges presented against TKE, and the time dedicated to the case by those bodies who reviewed the case previously.

The fear of speaking up



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She friend on a shirt, she's not deserving of much respect. If she's not to be respected, why refrain from speaking in a derogatory manner to your current girlfriend? If girlfriends aren't respected verbally, why respect them physically? The reasoning continues and before we are fully aware, sexual assault task forces and support teams are formed to address the problem. There is a problem and a solution needs to be found. What does this require? What do we need to do?

We don't need to blatantly attack Greek life. The fraternities don't cause underage drinking or sexual assault. Claiming they do is a cheap shot; there's no cause and effect. There is a correlation but not cause and effect. It's not the brothers' and sisters' faults that eighteen and nineteen year old college students like beer. Furthermore, whether you are wearing letters on your chest or not, there is no denying that the sororities and fraternities do make contributions to the community (and no, this isn't the set up for a joke about cheap beer and GHB). Ask a DZ

stand for this." I want everyone to know: the parents, the freshmen girls, the entire campus. She was going to make flyers and plaster the school. What had so enraged my friend? She found herself referred to on the Greek Week t-shirt of a brother she dated for about five minutes.

While this in itself is not cause for drastic action and would normally be written off as foolish frat-boy behavior, or answered with a timely remark to the right gossip, there is a concern that this is indicative of a larger problem. If it is acceptable to slam an ex-girl-

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I was appalled and angered by the Apr. 1 issue of *The Weekly*, with its repeated references to women as whores and its offensive attempts to makes jokes about the abuse of women. I'd really like to know whose idea of humor this is. Are

Distasteful humor is a problem

there really people on campus who find this attempt at humor funny? If so, I guess next we'll have an issue of *The Weekly* filled with jokes about Muhlenberg men as pencil-penised drunks too wasted to get it up and too socially inept ever to be attractive to women who are sober.

According to *The Weekly's* sense of humor, not only are abusive

treatment of women, the use of date rape drugs and sexual assault all subjects of humor, but it also seems that no matter what a woman at Muhlenberg does or accomplishes, she can be labeled a whore. A first-year woman student, wearing what are considered stylish clothes and going to a party to meet some new people and have some fun is...a whore. A woman student who is elected to Student Council, or who serves on a committee trying to make a contribution to the improvement of campus life is...a whore. A woman who joins an organization like Delta Zeta, which based on my experience with them is a group of women who support and empower each other in striving towards their personal, academic, and professional goals, is...a whore.

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To the Editor:

Between reading articles and letters in *The Weekly* and hearing what is being said among those of the campus community, it has come to my attention that many have a muddy understanding

Skewed facts

of the sexual assault situation on this campus. I understand that there will always be misconceptions about the seriousness of sexual violence. However, I feel that more discourse is needed concerning the matter. The intent of my letter is not to discuss every

issue that has come up regarding this subject, but to make a couple of things a little clearer.

While it may seem that there has been an increase in the occurrence of sexual assaults on campus, there has not really been an increase. The fact of the matter is that there are a few more brave individuals who are coming forward about the incidences. Perpetrators need to understand that victims aren't always going to stay silent; and in this modern collegiate climate, increasing numbers of victims (both male and female), aren't allow-

ing one person's power trip to control their lives.

Sexual assault is a crime. Victims aren't just looking for attention; this is a common mistake made by people who do not understand, or are not willing to understand, the incredible trauma that these individuals go through. It is not an easy thing to, first, recognize that you were assaulted, and second, to make the decision to tell someone and get help. Once a victim decides to come forward, there are venues available on campus that are willing and

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To the Editor:

Your lead article, "Taylor reappointed to presidency," was in poor taste, even for an April Fool's spoof. I enjoy a joke as much, if not more, than anyone. Your article, however, treated a subject that would better have been left "out of bounds," at

Ten years of dedication

least for a while.

President and Mrs. Taylor dedicated their lives to this college for ten years. They were available to the students and their parents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If the faculty and administration had a problem with President Taylor's management style, you can be sure that he has received that message loud and clear. The students and parents,

on the other hand, have nothing to complain about, and a student's irreverent attempt at humor on this subject is disrespectful, not funny. In case you haven't noticed, the reputation, visibility and quality of Muhlenberg College has skyrocketed during the past eleven years. Do you think that this achievement just coincidentally occurred during Arthur Taylor's presidency? The value of your Muhlenberg diploma is largely attributable to the efforts of the Taylors from 1992 - 2002. If you are a student who had a "problem" with the Taylors, I can assure you that you are in a very small minority.

Leaving the college was a very hurtful experience for the Taylors. In the end, their love for Muhlenberg College convinced them to leave with dignity, rather

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To the Editor:

I would like to thank John Dunphy for his Op/Ed comments in the Mar. 27 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly*, entitled, "Making social life better." He has confronted an emotionally charged subject with balance,

Extracurriculars extra important

insight and optimism. His approach, in fact, is a paradigm for facing challenges in life. Think of how powerful it would be to face challenges in life with an openness to hear all sides, having the insight to bring new ideas into any discussion and an optimism to enroll others in the possibility that they may share a better future.

Mr. Dunphy has clearly described his issues with the school and pro-

poses some possible solutions. He suggests that graduate school would look favorably on "a little community service." I suggest that the power of community service is far greater than its benefit as a line item entry on a graduate school application. It enables the heart to grow and that has widespread impact on everything one does in life. As a physician with an academic appointment and a private practice, I interview fourth-year medical students who are applying for the residency training program at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, in New York City, a top ten American residency training program. We have 500 applicants for seven positions. Beyond recognized academic excellence, one looks for a warm heart and soul, two realms nurtured by a life of giving, rather than taking, one of contribution rather than self-indulgence, and one shaped by a

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To the Editor:

I am writing regarding a recent article by one of your Life! staff writers, Evan LeVine. Evan recently wrote an article entitled, "Overland: Crude

Clarification of comedy review

at Best," a review of my stand up comedy act from Mar. 20. Now I am very willing to take criticism when it is deserved, however, Mr. LeVine's article borders on libel. He points out several flaws in my act that are downright lies could not be further and never even from the truth. He occurred. He begins clearly did not attend

by calling my act "vulgarity-laden" and "minority-bashing." Now I will admit that my act does entail swearing, however, it is hardly vulgarity-laden, and certainly never bashes minorities.

Compared to the vast majority of comedians,

my act is relatively harmless. Evan suggests that I should stick to "true-to-life humor as opposed to his Seinfeld-esque observational comedy, which dealt mostly with minorities and their problems." Evan

my first act here at Muhlenberg, or any of my acts at various comedy clubs in New York City. I was trying out different types of comedy in this act, which the vast majority of people enjoyed. I usually focus on observational humor, and I never bash minorities.

I would appreciate some clarifications on the part Mr. LeVine regarding where he got his information from, and in the future, a little more discretion on the part of the editors would also be nice.

--Scott Overland
Class of 2006

Peaceful protests are the way to voice opinions

Alfredo Mercuri
Weekly Guest Columnist

For the past eight years every Friday and Saturday during the fall months, I strapped on my helmet and shoulder pads, as did my most trusted and revered friends, and played a football game. I took this privilege for granted and never actually took the time to reflect on why I did have this privilege. War is an ugly thing. There is no question about it, but what is our duty as an American during times of war? I respect both sides of the spectrum; both parties present compelling arguments. I do believe, however, both sides should voice or exemplify

their opinions in an educated and diplomatic manner. Protesting the war by chaining yourself to a bridge or disrupting the everyday activities in New York City is not the way. Is it not a contradiction that these people are protesting violence through acts of hostility? I would have much more respect for these protesters if they went to Iraq and fought for their cause; after all, why would they want to be associated with a "Hitler-esque" government that kills people for no reason like the U.S.A.? I commend our Muhlenberg community, including faculty and students, in the way they have voiced their opinion,

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sister about the time she spends at Perfect Fit or the Sixth Street Shelter. At Perfect Fit, the sisters meet women who are escaping abusive relationships and loan them their clothing for job interviews. The sisters help children at Sixth Street with their homework. Ask a PKT brother about the fraternity's involvement in Mitzvah Day, or their volunteer work at the local YMCA. Certainly these are positive contributions to the community. The solution doesn't require vehement attacks against the Greek system.

This doesn't require hating men, either. Is most of the violence against women committed by men? Yes. Are most victims of sexual assault women? Yes. But does this mean all men are going to assault your girl friend? Of course not. What does this situation require? This requires activism.

Now we've arrived at our problem. Activism in general is dying. No one wants to voice an opinion about anything, whether he or she is in the majority or the minority. *The New York Times* reported that at Amherst College in Massachusetts, students were "vocally annoyed" to see 40 professors marching into the dining hall with anti-war signs. One student even confronted a professor and shoved him.

What has happened to our society? How did we reach a point where we are so risk-averse, so afraid of controversy or conflict that we answer to issues with the timid "yes, I agree/disagree, but I

don't want to talk about it." Is it our own fault? Is the we/them mentality embedded so far into our brains that we can't tolerate anyone expressing an opinion that isn't our own? Why are we so afraid of disagreement? Is it the backlash that inevitably follows?

My friend bemoaned the lack of outrage on the part of the women on this campus, but when indications of conflict and opposition appeared stronger she backed down and exhibited the very behavior she was speaking against. She was, she is, scared of the backlash. Will there be flyers with her full name calling her a whore? What will they do to her?

My friend wasn't even violated in the most extreme sense. She wasn't raped or assaulted, and yet she struggled with some of the same issues victims face. Victims should be commended for speaking out at all, not blamed for what happened to them or told they made a mistake and "cannot take responsibility" for their actions. It is the assailants who have made mistakes. A rape exam can last six to eight hours and can feel more invasive than the assault itself. Don't punish victims further by continuing to attack them. Don't shove those who protest something you support or lambaste those who support something you oppose. Allow them to express their opinion, but in the name of all things holy, express yours as well. In Dante's *Inferno*, he said the hottest place in hell is reserved for those who, in a time of moral crisis, remain neutral. Bring on the backlash. I will not stay neutral.

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either through our campus newspaper, seminars and controlled debates. Countries like Iraq do not allow people to voice their opinion against the government.

I would be willing to bet that the majority of people who are protesting the war, using these disruptive methods, did not even vote during the last presidential election, considering only 54.7 percent of the population voted. Iraq, on the other hand, had a 100 percent turnout, all of whom voted for Saddam Hussein. There is one stipulation, however. If you don't vote for Saddam, you are executed along with countless other citizens, including athletes who don't perform up to his standards. If we played poorly in one of our games, the only people we had to deal with was the coaches, and I guarantee you they never used death as a motivational tool. This is a man who has killed and continues to kill thousands of his own people at will without rhyme or reason, and I don't think he is willing to give our soldiers a free pass.

This is the beauty of our country, and I do think many times we, including myself, forget this. We seem to take all of our liberties

for granted and forget the tens of thousands of people who had to die for us to progress to where we are today. Sure, we all are residents of our respective countries, but in the grand scheme of things we are all citizens of the world. Why else would our soldiers be over in Iraq fighting in an unknown land through blinding sand storms, which at times makes it impossible to see five feet in front of you, not only for us but also for the people of Iraq? Imagine sand, which has the consistency of coffee creamer, being sprayed in your eyes, ears, hair and anywhere else it can seep into your body, when you haven't slept in 72 hours, and when you do sleep your bed is in the middle of the desert or on a ship in some of the most turbulent waters. Landing a fighter jet, which resembles a tissue in a windstorm, on one of these ships in the pitch dark is not the easiest task and, once they are done, they have the pleasure of doing it all over the next day. Add in the fact that you are thousands of miles away from your home, family and friends and the worry of a bullet or missile striking you at any time. Comfortable?

Sure, there are countries that are statistically better than us in various aspects ranging from technology to education, but what benefit does

this serve if one does not have opportunity? Opportunity is what allowed immigrants to succeed and build the foundation we proudly sit on today. According to the United States Immigration Office, in 2001 alone America received 1,064,318 legal immigrants from all over the globe, and yes, even Iraq. This figure does not include the thousands of illegal immigrants we received this year. As far as I know, the United States is not going to these countries and forcing these people to move here. They come here on their own because it is the ultimate land of opportunity. For some of these soldiers the grim reality is that they may not be able to return back to this great land, and they all do it without ever whispering the slightest complaint. Maybe being caught in traffic for a few minutes is not that big of a deal.

Tonight when you lie down in your comfortable bed, in your warm house, without having to fight Mother Nature after you're done watching March Madness or Letterman, just take one minute and reflect on how lucky you are. Giving our soldiers, both past and present, one minute is not that much to ask considering the fact they gave and continue to give us their lives.

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ready to offer support.

One such venue is the newly formed Sexual Assault Support System (SASS). This is a network of peers available in conjunction with the Counseling Center and/or Campus Safety that offers support to victims, and friends of victims, of sexual assault. A SASS member is on call 24/7. To contact a member students must contact the Counseling Center at ext. 3178 and ask for Anita Kelly. If students need assistance after hours, they may call Campus Safety at ext. 3112 and request that Anita be paged. Campus Safety does not need to know why Anita is needed. Confidentiality is strongly stressed.

For those who are friends of the accused, remember that even your best friend may not tell you that he (or she) has assaulted someone. The perpetrator does not always view his/her crime as such. Society has done a fine job blurring the lines between affection and assault, making it easier for crimes to be overlooked. Think a little bit before you blindly stand by your friend with 100 percent of your support. That is not to say that you should not be there for your friend, just don't be blind to the issue at hand.

--Alana Wellington
Class of 2005

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morality learned through engaging in life, rather than standing on the sidelines.

I hope Mr. Dunphy's comments are discussed on campus and that the Muhlenberg administration continues to listen carefully to its students' points of view and supports

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A woman who is an outstanding teacher, an accomplished scholar and a leader among the college faculty is...a whore. A woman who is the highest ranking woman administrator on campus, who is devoted to improving students' academic lives, doing everything from working tirelessly with students struggling to succeed to creating an entire program to help outstanding students access post-graduate opportunities is...a whore.

Perhaps most offensive and dis-

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than to defend each and every nasty allegation, most of which were pure nonsense. They understood that a protracted fight would bring the school down, and they could never accept knowingly hurting the school that they nurtured and loved. The students of Muhlenberg College owe Arthur and Kathryn Taylor a big "thank you" -- and a hug, which they cherished so much from the students.

You should have left this subject alone. Sometimes, the freedom we enjoy to comment, even tongue-in-cheek, would be better exercised by using restraint. Will you now have the courage to send a note of apology to the Taylors? They still reside in Allentown -- close to the community and college that they grew to love.

--Scott Lutzer
Parent 2001, 2004, 2005
Former Trustee

their efforts to effect change. However, the ultimate responsibility for a more fulfilling social life lies with Muhlenberg students themselves. I am confident they have the energy and passion to help create that future.

--Glenn Silbert, M.D.
Parent 2005

treasuring are the pictures of "The Whore" on page ten. Here we see a woman with a bag over her head, looking eerily like a political prisoner about to be tortured or a criminal about to be executed. Her individuality and unique personality are obliterated while her body is suggestively displayed. Who she is and who she thinks herself to be are rendered completely irrelevant while someone else defines the meaning and significance of her sexuality. Is this what it means to be a woman at Muhlenberg? If so, this is an appalling state of affairs and the

Muhlenberg community has a lot to answer for. I sincerely hope that all members of the community will give some serious thought to whether this is what we want to be the climate on campus for women and, if not, what we are each going to do to change it. I'd be very happy to hear from or to talk with anyone who has ideas about making Muhlenberg a better place for all women members of the community.

--Patrice DiQuinzio
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Director of Women's Studies

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Meet the President: Randy Helm

By BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

After the identity of the new President of the College was revealed to the College Community on Mar. 24, President Elect Randy Helm contributed a more detailed look at himself and his ideas for the College once taking office.

Helm spoke encouragingly of the College and its fine reputation that has been built up over the years. He stated that there are clearly numerous strengths that the College has that sets it apart from other colleges like itself. "The strengths are clearly the faculty and their dedication to teaching, the strong sense of community among the students and the incredible dedication of the staff," stated Helm. He went on to say that the College's "admirable track record in admissions and enrollment retention are doubtless related to these strengths."

Helm stated that among the things he feels need improvement at the College, the most important to him is the endowment situation,

which needs immediate attention. Building the endowment of the College so that it is "less dependent on tuition revenue would seem to be the biggest need for improvement," said Helm.

He further stated that aside from finishing the Pride and Progress Campaign, he would like to see "more emphasis on marketing endowed chairs and endowed financial aid to the College's prospective donors." Helm also noted that he would like to see that "we work together on some strategic planning."

When asked what attracted him to the College, Helm responded, "it felt right from the first moment I got acquainted with Muhlenberg." He went on to say, "it felt more and more right the more I learned and the more people I met."

Helm explained that the decision to leave Colby College was not an easy decision to reach. "Deciding to leave Colby was difficult because Colby is, in many ways, similar to Muhlenberg... and not just because both colleges have

the Mule as their mascot," Helm went on to say.

According to Helm, leaving Colby now is as good a time as ever. Helm stated, "This is a good time to leave, as our youngest son will be going to college this fall, leaving us with an empty nest." He stated that the transition will not be completely foreign since he and his wife previously lived in Philadelphia while teaching at the University of Pennsylvania. "We still have a lot of friends in

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ties each cooked a meal with the exotic chicken as the special and necessary ingredient. Armed with "woks," which were really just a few frying pans, the brothers had only 35 minutes to complete their three-course masterpieces, and student judges rated the meals based on taste and appearance.

The College does not officially condone DTD's and TKE's participation in Greek Week events because of their suspensions in Spring 2002 and Spring 2003, respectively.

The two fraternities, however, are allowed to compete against each other, but neither the winners nor the losers will be awarded points or be included in the Week's culminating scores with AEPi, Sig Ep and PKT. Engelberg states that "it would be fun to have them...it is a little bit sad that the other frats can't participate, but it's fun." Similarly, Sig Ep brother Mike Yellin '05 comments that "certainly a lot of people wish there could have been five [fraternities]" par-



The President Elect of the College, Randy Helm, speaks during a press conference announcing his arrival.

PHOTO BY MATT JAKUBIK

ticipating instead of only three.

When asked how Phi Sig feels about Greek Week, sister Alice McGrail '04 described the Week as "fun, healthy competition" that "bonds all of the sororities together." She noted that Phi Sig's president Jen Cardone '04 has attended almost every event in which her sorority has participated.

Alpha Chi placed first in volleyball and floor hockey, second in basketball and is currently in first place for softball. Alpha Chi sister Allison Auclair '05 says, "we didn't do all that much training, but we're a very close-knit sisterhood. We back each other up day in and day out, so it shouldn't be that hard for us to excel."

The sorority has been seen seriously gearing up for Tug, and they expect to win that event too.

In addition to Tug, the Lip Sync is the most significant event that excitedly

culminates and draws all the Week's frenzies to an end. The Lip Sync is a girls only event, and each sorority composes original dance routines and chooses a creative array of songs to perform in front of an open audience.

Students and faculty

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Alison Auclair '05,
Alpha Chi sister

judge "the lip accuracy, appropriate costuming, difficulty and creativity of choreography," according to Phi Sig sister Jody Seligman '04.

The group with the most precise and creative piece emerges as the winner of the competition and receives a ten point addition to their final score for the week.

When asked what he might feel if his fraternity does come in with the most points, Yellin replied, "Personal Satisfaction," with a capital "S."

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After Hightower spoke, students were encouraged to attend several workshops offered. The first two workshops offered were entitled "Building Intercultural Alliances" and "Global Activism in a Post-9/11 World." "Building Intercultural Alliances" stressed how important it is for multicultural groups to work together to build alliances to advance their collective goals rather than working on single ethnic group issues. "Global Activism in a Post-9/11 World" discussed the shifting role of global activism.

The second set of workshops consisted of "Takin' it to the Streets" and "Students Talk Politics." "Takin' it to the Streets" discussed how the various forms of protest play roles in social movements and their various levels of appropriateness and effectiveness.

"Students Talk Politics" used a survey on students' views on politics, taken at

the College, as a basis for discussion. The workshop topics were chosen by the conference planning committee, consisting of Sarina Ahuja '03, Diana Bharucha '03, Christina Liciaga '05 and David M. Sobotkin '03.

The last section of the conference consisted of performing art. The featured activist-artists were Paul Otte and Kamal Symonette-Dixon.

Otte helped create the banner that was displayed in the Center for the Arts during the event. Symonette-Dixon, a spoken word artist that has won national recognition, was invited back to the conference for his second year. Breanna Goldsmith '05 also read some of her poetry.

This is the third and final year for the PEP. "We'd like to continue with many aspects of the PEP... this, however, depends on faculty members. We also would like to continue with the student surveys," said Gambino. "As far as the conference goes, I would like to continue it, but it depends on the willingness of students to organize it."

Alpha Phi Omega Welcomes

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Julie Christianson
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Mike Engels
Carey Felgendreger
Ben Heard
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Steve Lapicki

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Campus Climate results released to the student body

By LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

After a year-long process of interviewing, surveying, and discussing, the Human Resources and Campus Climate Committee of the Board of Trustees revealed their findings in a Campus Climate Assessment at the College.

In her hour-long presentation, Tammy Borman, a member of the Board of Trustees, explained what students, faculty and staff had to say about the College at listening tours in the fall and through a campus-wide survey.

The focus of the Campus Climate Assessment was to answer the question, "What's it like to actually live and study and work at Muhlenberg?" explained Borman.

Several core issues were found to be the primary concerns for all of the Campus Community. Among these "performance gaps" were campus life, safety and security, registra-

tion effectiveness and course availability.

Borman explained that in regards to campus life, "The issue of drinking on campus was enormous."

Students expressed that they "need additional viable social life options," said Borman.

The safety and security at the College was a concern for most constituents of the College because of its direct association with the parking problem on campus.

Overall, the surveying revealed that faculty and staff members describe the atmosphere of the College as a "great place to work" that has a "family feeling" with "generally a sense of collaboration."

Staff members, however, expressed their interest in volunteering more on campus but not having the opportunity to.

Faculty and administration also expressed their concern about "burn-out" and not having enough staff members.

Salary levels were also considered inadequate.

Strengths that emerged through the findings included academic advising, student centeredness, concern for the individual, instructional effectiveness, academics and the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate and intramural activities.

According to the survey, "Students at Muhlenberg have higher expectations and are more satisfied," than other college students nationwide, said Borman. The student portion of the survey only received a six percent response rate, however, and the results are therefore not considered statistically valid due to the small number of returns.

The adult student and institutional surveys had statistically valid response rates.

Listening tours supplemented the results of the surveys, giving a better idea of student opinion.

Borman explained that the results of the surveying will be used to create a set of recommendations. "The Board is about collabora-

tion and about...co-creation," she said.

"Surveys give you issues. Issues should lead to conversation and then action. Take these issues and translate them into action," said Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students.

Borman confirmed that the committee plans to begin the Campus Climate evaluation process again next year in hopes of seeing what has changed since this year's results were presented to the College Community.

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Steffy further commented that he would like to see the proliferation of Greek life on campus. "It's my position that the College is in a posture of trying to make Greek life a positive force on campus for those students that are interested in that kind of setting," he said. Steffy sees a need for improvement in the relationship between Greek life and the College. "My own personal belief is that in some form, adult mentoring relationships are a desirable thing to have in terms of relationships between the College and sororities and

fraternities," he said. "We've got to find the way or ways to make this happen that are not offensive and not regarded as 'looking through the keyhole' at a group's activities."

Hoping to change the College's relationship with Greek life on campus, Steffy said, "I think deciding what these relationships should be is not an easy task. With the Greeks and their alumni boards, [the College] will try to make this happen in a way that is successful to all." The TKE suspension comes as a result of charges of simple assault, underage drinking, alcohol abuse and drug use and allegations of sexual assault.

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Pennsylvania," said Helm.

Aside from his youngest son, Alec, of seventeen, who will be leaving for either Trinity College or Vassar College next fall, Helm also has another son, Burt, who is twenty and a junior at Yale, who according to Helm, is "toying with the idea of a career in journalism."

When asked about his take on the recent complaints made by students of the College about the lack of social life on campus, Helm explained that in his experience, complaints about the social life on campus are not just limited to this campus. He noted that at Colby, "students complain about social life too." He went on to say, "come to think of it, so did Penn students when we were there. Not that I think there's any connection between the Helms' presence and lousy social life," remarked Helm humorously.

In *The Weekly's* previous article on Helm that was published on Mar. 27, Helm stated that he wished to "bring the campus life clos-

er to the intellectual life of the campus."

Upon elaborating on that comment, Helm said that in his experience, "students make less of a distinction between the intellectual life that goes on in the classroom and their lives in the residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses."

Helm wishes to involve learning that is done in the classroom with experiences in the residence halls. To integrate the two worlds while at Colby, he and his wife played an active role in the residence hall life of the students.

Helm said that as "non-residential faculty associates of various residence halls, we've had book discussions, film discussions, and other types of conversations with students both in the residence halls and in our home."

Helm noted that these are among the different ideas that have been thrown around in the past. "I suspect there are many more ideas that Muhlenberg students and faculty will have that will be appropriate to Muhlenberg," comment-

ed Helm.

On the subject of improving the closeness of the College Community, Helm explained that "the sense of community is already pretty strong at Muhlenberg," however, "we mustn't be complacent." Helm said, "I'd like to hear student ideas on this subject and get to know the place better before I commit myself to anything more specific."

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Emily Dickinson lecture on literature

By AMY COOKSON
Weekly News Writer

Emily Dickinson, the well-known 19th century American poet, was the topic of this year's Brown lecture given by Professor Martha Nell Smith.

A Professor of English and Director of the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities at the University of Maryland, Smith is a renowned Dickinson scholar and one of the General Editors of the Dickinson Electronic Archive (DEA). The DEA

is a website devoted to "the study of Emily Dickinson, her writing practices, writings directly influencing her work and critical and creative writings generated by her work."

The main objective of the DEA is to remove editorial bias from the archives. Smith explained that an editor's job "is to make something out of a writer's mess—and writers almost always leave a mess." Consequently, interpretations of works can be slanted.

Smith referenced the five periods of studying

Dickinson's work and the different styles attributed to each period: 1890-1930 was sentimental/avant garde; 1930-1955 was Modernist/New England; 1955-1975 was New Critical/Psychology; 1975-1990 was Feminist/Psychology and 1990 to the present is Writerly/Post-Modernist. Today there is a greater emphasis on textual fundamentalism.

One positive breakthrough of the DEA is the technology of access. Traditionally, original manuscripts are viewed BEO, By Experts Only.

The website now provides the general reader with access to the original works. Secondly, the multimedia aspect of the web adds a video and audio dimension to the study of poetry. When a poem is written, it is open to different interpretations regarding tone. A recording of a reading is more structured.

Finally, the archives encourage the technology of collaboration. The DEA encourages cooperative work, and Smith gave anecdotal evidence for her own work to support the benefits of collaboration.

Although the DEA is found at emilydickinson.org, it

includes the work of other Dickinsons, notably Susan, Emily's sister-in-law. Smith began writing about Susan Dickinson in the mid 1990s. Emily and Susan Dickinson had a very close relationship;

Emily loved Susan "romantically, spiritually, carnally and intellectually," according to Smith, although it is not known to what extent

their relationship progressed.

The common image of Dickinson is that of a reclusive woman in a white dress, writing poems due to a broken heart and hiding them in dresser drawers.

This depiction is inaccurate, according to Smith, and while Dickinson did wear a white dress to garden, she was much more

gregarious than today's stereotype would suggest. She was often surrounded by friends at parties, and her work was shared with

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Smith ended by encouraging the audience to begin anew when approaching any text, no matter how well we think we know the work. Let the material speak to us.



Martha Nell Smith lectures on Emily Dickinson at the College.

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OFF CAMPUS

Monroe - State police have arrested a Tannersville man accused of stealing meat from a Chestnuthill Township church. Richard S. Harley, 40, went to Salem United Church of Christ at Route 209 and Gilbert Road about 6:30 p.m. Saturday and asked to use the telephone, said state police at Fern Ridge. After church members let him in, he snuck off with four large beef roasts, a ham, a box of hot dogs, potato chips, candy and other items, police said. State police said Harley was caught when he placed the food, intended for use at a Boy Scout dinner Sunday, inside a vehicle parked at a Turkey Hill next door to the church.

Hanover Township - The timing proved fortunate for Miller Memorial Blood Center last week when military officials called for civilian blood to aid American soldiers in Iraq. For the first time in months, Miller had a stock of slightly more than 900 units on hand, an acceptable four-day supply of blood. But last week's seasonal blip upward in supply masked the collision course the domestic blood industry, including Miller, finds itself on: Government restrictions, cultural indifference and blood centers' inability to expand their donor base sufficiently are keeping the blood supply at constantly low levels, while Americans are living longer and more frequently undergoing blood-demanding operations.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Rain	Scattered Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 37	High: 56 Low: 38	High: 58 Low: 36

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Student recognized for service

By MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

Hillel International, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, named junior Alison Pofsky the Tzedek Exemplar of Excellence Student for 2003.

Hillel International gives two of these awards out per year: one to a college campus and one to an individual student from anywhere in the nation.

This year, the University of Texas-Austin won the campus award, while Pofsky received the individual student award for her work with Hillel and community service in general.

Pofsky explained that Tzedek means justice in Hebrew, so it follows that the Tzedek Exemplars of Excellence Awards honor groups and individuals for their work in the area of social justice.

Pofsky is Co-Chair of Social Action of Hillel at

the College, meaning she is in charge of social justice programming. She is also Co-President of Students Have a Real Effect (SHARE), a community service organization. She explained that many of the community service projects she is involved in are done through both groups. She said, "A lot of the programs we've done have been partnerships between Hillel and SHARE."

Pofsky explained that there are several grant opportunities for which she helped Hillel apply. One was to obtain computers for the Sixth Street Shelter, a homeless shelter, and Casa Guadalupe, an organization dedicated to tutoring city students.

Another program was able to provide breakfast at the Sixth Street Shelter. She personally volunteers at Casa Guadalupe, Daybreak (a drop-in rehabilitation facility) and the Sixth Street

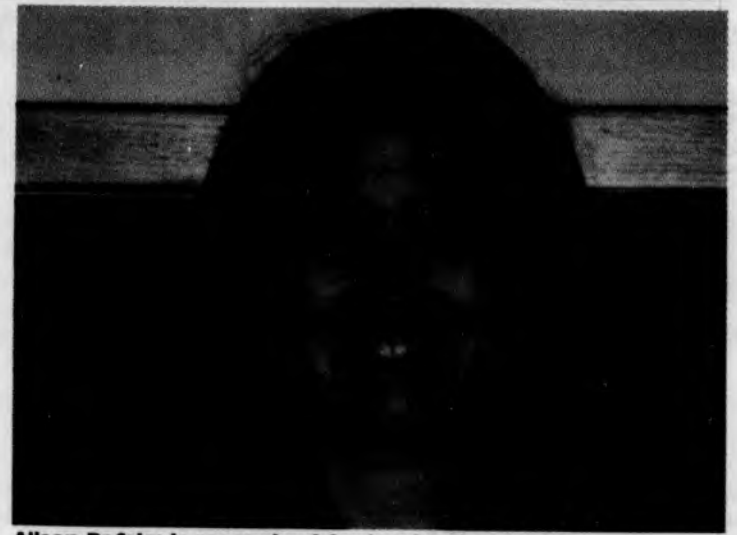
Shelter.

Pofsky attended the 2003 Charlotte and Jack J. Spitzer Forum on Public Policy in Baltimore, Md. at the end of February. On the second night of the conference, a dinner was held where the awards were given out. Pofsky was completely surprised when she received the award.

She said that nobody knew she would be the recipient. Pofsky explained that she was nominated by Patricia Mittleman, the Director of Hillel at the College.

There was no application process involved. Hillel International simply chose Pofsky from the nomination packet Mittleman sent in, which included letters from students and Valerie Lane, the Director of Community Service at the College.

Pofsky was very honored to receive the award, especially since the College is not considered a Tzedek



Alison Pofsky is recognized for her involvement in community service at the College.

PHOTO BY BECCA STEIN

campus by Hillel International because of its small size. It is unusual that Pofsky won since she is not a student at a Tzedek campus, but she commented that her award compliments the College's community service department and Hillel.

She sees the award as "a good thing for the image of Hillel and Muhlenberg."

She also believes the award says more about the College's dedication to social justice than simply her own.

She hopes the award helps emphasize the important community service aspects of Hillel. As the award proves, Pofsky said, "We're more than just bagels and Shabbat dinners."

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 31 - Theft - Pharmaceuticals were stolen for personal use from a room in Prosser Hall.

Mar. 31 - Assist Outside Agency - There was a warrant out for the apprehension of a student who was in violation of a suspended driver's license and traffic warrants.

Mar. 31 - Information - Campus Safety reported to a car accident on Chew St. that involved a hit and run

Apr. 1 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Two students were involved in a motor vehicle accident in the Benfer parking lot. They exchanged their insurance information.

Apr. 1 - Failure to Comply - Beth Slakoff '05 was apprehended for giving false information to the Allentown Police.

Apr. 1 - Found Property - A woman's watch was found in the Center of the Arts.

Apr. 1 - Harassment / April Fool's Prank - Some April Fool's jokers taped several students' doors closed from the outside in Prosser Hall. Campus Safety has stated that there is a continuing investigation underway.

Apr. 1 - Investigation - There has been a recent increase in the posting of signs asking for foreign singers on campus. The company described as a production company is currently being investigated for the posting of the signs.

Apr. 1 - Harassment / April Fool's Prank - April Fool's jokers in Walz Hall rubbed Vick's Vapor Rub all over the toilets.

Apr. 2 - Vandalism - A bulletin board was yanked down from the wall by the east door of Prosser Hall.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm - The women's bathroom fire alarm sounded and sent East Hall students temporarily wandering in the quad all because of a faulty fire alarm.

Apr. 2 - Vehicle Violation - A student's car was in violation of several parking tickets that have been denied payment. The student's car was fitted with a boot.

Apr. 2 - Harassment - There was student-on-student harassment violation that has resulted in the referral of one student to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 2 - Malicious Mischief - A juvenile was picked up on North 22nd St. and was later released to his parents.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm - A GQ employee pulled the fire alarm by the downstairs entrance way because the employee thought it was the button to the elevator.

Apr. 2 - Theft - A student who had his car fitted with a boot vandalized the boot and removed it from his car.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm - The fire alarm system of Phi Kappa Tau has experienced some problems that have caused a series of false fire alarms. The company has been contacted to fix their faulty system.

Apr. 2 - Vandalism - The seniors returning a Senior Event, ripped apart some seats on the bus they were travelling on.

Apr. 3 - Hit and Run - A College vehicle was involved in a hit and run in which the driver was injured.

Apr. 3 - Disturbance - There was a reported disturbance at Phi Kappa Tau that resulted in the referral of one student to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 3 - Harassment - A student harassed another student in Benfer Hall. The harasser has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 4 - Vandalism - Matthew Effler '05 of East Hall was charged by Allentown Police for underage drinking, public drunkenness and vandalism as he smashed his hand through the back of a Mercedes parked by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Apr. 4 - Vandalism - A campus-wide string of vandalism occurred as students ripped up a constructed fence by Moyer Hall and then moved their attention to various ashtrays around campus.

Apr. 4 - Fire Alarm - The faulty fire alarm in Phi Kappa Tau again resulted in another false alarm.

Apr. 4 - Injured Student - A student suffered a left knee injury at the Life Sport Center.

Apr. 4 - Hit and Run - There was a hit and run accident on East Hall's fire lane.

Apr. 4 - Vandalism - The light covers of the lights at the steps of the Center of the Arts were found

smashed.

Apr. 5 - Vandalism - There was a burning bush reported outside of Moyer Hall.

Apr. 5 - Possession of Stolen Property - A student was found in possession of two orange cones and a sign stolen from the College. The student has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 5 - Disturbance - There was an incident in the Garden Room that involved a group of loud students who were chanting and throwing food.

Apr. 5 - Fire Alarm - A door that was left open and allowed some smog to emerge into Seegers caused the smoke alarms to go off.

Apr. 5 - Fire Alarm - Another false alarm at Phi Kappa Tau was the result of a broken fire alarm.

Apr. 6 - Vandalism - A group of students who trampled a yard and caused some major shrubbery damage on the property were reported to the Office of Campus Safety.

Apr. 7 - Trashing - Pies were found thrown to the floor in the Red Door.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is rather like a tin of sardines - - we're all of us looking for the key."

- Alan Bennett

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO IS THE BEST GQ EMPLOYEE EVER?



"I don't know. I haven't eaten there in two years."

- Jessica Skrocki '03

"Carlos. He was a visionary."

- John, the Toilet Boy '??



"The GQ cook from last year that looked like Thor."

- Ben Veghte '05



"That guy who whistles."

- Maureen McLaughlin '05



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Durang's plays resound with laughter and a pang of controversy



Dori Kavanagh '03 portrays a snooty DMV employee and Adam Pintl '06 violently vents his frustration in Durang's parody *DMV Tyrant*.

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BY SARAH BURKHART
Weekly Staff Writer

The spring season of MTA special productions has begun. The first weekend showcased four Christopher Durang plays in the Black Box as well as two directorial debuts presented in the Baker Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

The works of Christopher Durang, a modern comedic playwright, are performed for a wide variety of audiences because of Durang's ability to portray life in a very universal, yet sarcastic manner. Perhaps for this reason, his plays are particularly popular at the College.

The first two Durang pieces were shown in the format of a double-feature: *Desire, Desire, Desire*, directed by Kim Lecci '03, and *'Dentity Crisis*, directed by TJ O'Connell '03. *Desire* is a play that spoofs the famous Tennessee Williams play and subsequent movie, *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The parody was done in a clearly modern setting, having translated elements of

the original play into contemporary terms. For instance, Blanche sends Stella out to get her a Lemon Coke. Durang's piece plays the "Coke with lemon" phrase present in Williams' play.

Durang's production was successful in presenting the characters in a satirical manner, as they were all noticeably caricatures of the original Williams personalities. The lead character, Blanche Dubois, portrayed by Lisa Kowalski '06, dramatizes the image of the antique Southern belle in her costume, accent and her exaggerated movements. The physical humor demonstrated by Kowalski was a theme perpetuated by the other actors in the show.

'Dentity Crisis is a commentary on the nature of truth, sanity and reality. Durang's main character is a young girl Jane, played by Meg Richwine '03, struggling to understand the atmosphere of her family life, which is soon revealed to be even more distorted than her own so-called insanity.

This production's light-

ing, designed by Jen Corman '03, was phenomenal. Corman used blue lights to portray moments in the play when Jane reached a climax of thought about the circumstances of her life and her relationship with her family.

A large part of this play deals with the idea that people as well as things are not necessarily who and what they seem to be. In particular, Brian Cordeiro '03 depicts a man who claims to have four different personalities throughout the course of the play. Cordeiro often moved swiftly and brilliantly from one personality to another by adjusting his very distinct physicalities, facial expressions and accents.

The other two Durang pieces of the weekend were scheduled in the same double-feature format. However, due to the controversial content of *The Nature and Purpose of the Universe*, directed by Frank Vain '03, the show's opening was postponed until it had been approved by the

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Singer/Songwriter Matt Nathanson rocks the Empie and shares all in a post-show interview

BY EVAN LEVINE
Weekly Staff Writer

Matt Nathanson is not your typical male solo singer/songwriter. His aggressive song structures and emotional lyrics eschew the trail worn by the likes of John Mayer and David Gray. Just one year ago to the day, Nathanson was touring the area as a supporting act for Howie Day. This year, he's signed with Universal Records, released his last independent EP and recorded a new album hopefully slated for a fall release. After awing an almost packed Empie Theater Monday night, Nathanson sat down to answer some questions, tell some stories and crank call one very confused victim.

WEEKLY: So just about a year ago today you were on tour with Howie Day playing a bunch of colleges. Since then, you're on your

own tour headlining, you signed a record deal, released your last independent EP, toured with some great musicians...what's it all been like?

Nathanson: It's been a pretty nutty year. Howie and I [talked yesterday] about how a year ago we were playing in Boston together. It's just crazy. It went really fast, and I don't know if that means it's great or terrible...Time flies when you're having fun, I guess. But it's been great, [Matt] Fish and I have been playing together and having fun, people have been responsive. So it just keeps getting better, which is nice... more people.

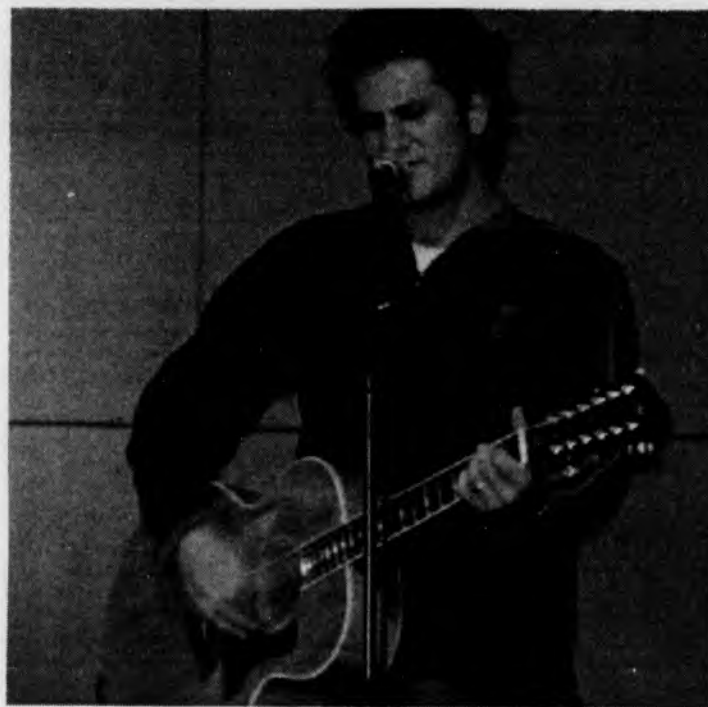
W: You mentioned John Mayer, Jason Mraz, Howie Day. How do you feel you fit into the [singer/songwriter genre], or what do you think sets you apart?

N: I think I only fit in it because I do play acoustic guitar and I sing...I'm a lit-

tle more aggressive than everybody, you know? So that's the only thing I feel a little bit distanced from them on...But it's good. I mean, what John did and what Jack Johnson did and what David Gray did...it's just been so important because they opened up these doors that were really closed for a really long time...All of a sudden it just happened...It just broke open...David Gray sold a million records, Mayer was packing places the first or second time he'd ever been there, Napster was sort of spreading like wildfire.

W: How do you think your message compares to theirs?

N: It's all the same message... "oh boy, woe is me, life is hard." There are certain male singer songwriters that I relate to more [like Howie]...He comes from a really emotional place more so than guys that come from a heady place. That's kinda



Matt Nathanson strums his guitar in the Empie Theater.

PHOTO BY EVAN LEVINE

more my speed.

Nathanson's entire interview, including the crank

call, can be found on *The Weekly* website at muhlenbergweekly.com.

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Theatre and Dance Dept. Head, Charles Richter. Therefore, the other Durang piece, *DMV Tyrant*, directed by Catherine M. Schoetz '03, was the only show presented on Friday. This show is a hysterical rendition of the agony one encounters at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. James Agnes, played by Adam Pinti '06, attempts to receive a permanent license from the New York DMV and is informed that they have no record of his original driving test. Pinti was adept in his portrayal of the growing frustration one can find at the DMV. The DMV worker, Dori Kavanagh '03, gave a thorough and detailed performance as the book-reading, cannot-deal-with-anyone and emotionally unstable DMV clerk.

As a result of the delayed opening of *The Nature and Purpose of the Universe* due to objectionable content, campus-wide interest mounted. This show demonstrates Durang's frequent inclination to question and mock organized religion, especially Catholicism. The play followed the lives of the Mann family, a Catholic family

with just about every problem imaginable. Perhaps two of the best aspects of this show were the actresses who played the family's divine manipulators. Ronnie and Elaine, played by Meghan Sweeney '06 and Katie Tandy '05, respectively, showed their acting versatility.

The content of this show that was particularly disturbing, and it was its explicit and frequent violence that nearly kept it from premiering. There was a particular focus on violence towards women. Rebecca Martin '06 played Eleanor, who was abused severely by the men in her life; she was repeatedly kicked, slapped and thrown. It seems unlikely that the director intended to say that this behavior was acceptable, but such constant violence is unnecessary as it does not add to the major points of the plot in any concrete way.

The senior-directed Durang plays were huge successes, entertaining full audiences and eliciting a great deal of laughter. Though the content of the shows may have been controversial, value as productions remained worthy of being seen, on the whole.

City View Diner: Soothing and chrome

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

Amidst the hustle and bustle of MacArthur Road stands City View Diner. Although it can get easily lost within the vast commercial zoning, City View should be noted for its fantastic wait-staff and extensive menu.

While Dave Sobotkin said, "the surgical atmosphere was eerie," Rachel Schatz and others found the decor to be soothing and reminiscent of an Art Deco style. The cushions in the booths were a terracotta shade, and these were complimented by the outline of the city skyline in frosted glass on mirrored panels on the walls.

The city skyline within the diner reminded diners to look out the window and enjoy the view of the Allentown area. "It is a really nice view of the city, if you consider the city a nice view," said Rachel Schatz.



Schatz and Phillips savor soft bread rolls that come with every meal at the City View Diner, which is right near the Lehigh Valley Mall on MacArthur Road. The bread comes with every full dinner.

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Although the diner had less traditional components like mottled table tops and soothing, rather than tanning booth-esque, fluores-

cent lighting, the decoration also incorporated traditional chrome pieces and neon tube lights.

The turkey dinner came with a potato, vegetable, roasted turkey, stuffing, soup or salad and rolls. Dessert, which came separate from the meal, was

lemon meringue pie. This abundance of food was delicious and filling, although the pie was lacking some taste. The meal rated an 8.

Matt Meyers had a Swiss beef burger with bacon and mushrooms. The meal came with fries, coleslaw and a pickle. "It was, by far, the best burger I've ever had at a diner." He rated it a 9.5.

Jess Skrocki ordered grilled cheese with bacon. "It was really good. It was grilled cheese and I can't say any-

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♈ Aries

"What fools these mortals be." from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - You hate those people who wear cargo shorts and tank tops in this frigid weather. Point and laugh at their icy-blue goosebumps. When they complain about their miscalculations, tell them to take a match and light themselves on fire. Make sure your own clothes are warm and flame-retardant.

♉ Taurus

"Therefore like her I sometime hold my tongue." from Sonnet 102 - The more you talk to your friends and psychiatrist, the less they listen to you. When you think you have something relevant to say like, "you have a strange stain on the seat of your pants" or "your Cabbage Patch Kid underwear is showing," let it simmer. Formulate your thoughts methodically; someone may actually listen to you.

♊ Gemini

"In sooth, I know not why I am so sad." from *The Merchant of Venice* - Stop crying! Your grades are stellar and your roommate moved out. Maybe you can't wear the straw Billy-Bob hat you bought over Spring Break, but you can still go sledding. Tack a parrot-head license plate on the Hooptie and order your Jimmy Buffet lawn tickets and free blow-up palm tree now.

♋ Cancer

"The quality of mercy is not strain'd." from *The Merchant of Venice* - Tie loose ends and end petty quarrels. Your RA keys into your room and eats all your S'more Pop Tarts, but she's not a thief. She's just hungry, and so are you since you're fresh out of Pop Tarts. Start buying ghetto Breakfast Boards. Once she tastes that papier-mache, she won't touch your stash.

♌ Leo

"Love sought is good, but given unsought better." from *Twelfth Night* - You go out on the prowl looking for love. Re-channel your prep time, and send your crush a dirty greeting card, not because you desperately want a date but because you care. When she smacks you, it's not because she hates you but rather because she cares too.

♍ Virgo

"We came into the world like brother and brother." from *Comedy of Errors* - Your roommate and you are in different sororities, and the air between you is charged like robot dog. Leave the competitive bitch in you on the on the billiard tables of the Red Door. At home, she's your closest confidante, so don't go slashing her tires.

♎ Libra

"Neither a bor-

rower nor a lender be." from *Hamlet* - You've don't know what belongs to you and what belongs to your cousin's ex-boyfriend in Walz. You'll never get your denim jumper with pink tassels back. Your closet is not a Gap Clearance Sale, so lock that boudoir up like an air-tight crock pot. Just because you're closed for business doesn't mean your roommate is...squeeze into those two's with some pliers.

♏ Scorpio

"This above all: to thine own self be true." from *Hamlet* - So you're a pathological liar. It's okay if you lie to other people, but don't lie to yourself. Why would you want to cheat yourself of what you really are: a wonderful, pleasant, sweet human with a severe psychological disorder. Aren't we all?

♐ Sagittarius

"My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun." from Sonnet 130 - You sweat bullets every time your honey walks by, but

you have to look deeper. Below her skin, she has tons of icky looking connective tissue composed of fat corpuscles and viruses. She is just like you and everyone else.

♑ Capricorn

"That sport best pleases that doth least know how." from *Love's Labours Lost* - Engage fully in your inability to be athletic. Ballet? No problem! Blind-folded water skiing on Lake Muhlenberg? Easy as pie! Just remember, your friends aren't laughing with you, they are laughing at you.

♒ Aquarius

"If music be the food of love, play on." - Shakespeare poem - Your song repertoire is your pride and joy. You've lined up record exec interviews. You haven't let your tone deafness and lack of talent stop you from pursuing your dreams. Keep at it.

♓ Pisces

Sorry. Shakespeare's not for everyone.

College Choir and Chamber Singers perform annual spring concert

BY KRISTEN ZIEGLER
Weekly Staff Writer

The College Choir and Chamber Singers brought their polished sound to Egner Chapel for their Spring Concert. Directed by Jeremy Slavin and accompanied by Stephen Williams, their repertoire consisted of songs that were religious in nature. Though they stayed within this one genre, some variety did appear in their selections.

This past Sunday, the large choir, regally attired in their gray and cardinal red robes, showed their strength in such pieces as "Hallelujah" by Ludwig van Beethoven and "As Truly as God is our Father" by William Mathias. These selections included canons by the men and women, and through the blending and harmonizing of their voices, texture and richness was added to their sound. The pieces performed by only the women or only the men were noticeably weaker because of the lack of balance and depth.

Jeremy Slavin, Director of the College Choir and Chamber singers, conducted the concert and the rehearsals leading up to the performance. The choir holds rehearsals bi-weekly to perfect their sound.

The choir as a whole was commendable; however, the soloists and the Chamber Singers, a small ensemble group, provided more diverse sounds and greater harmonies,

which were particularly praiseworthy. Three versions of a piece called "Ave Verum" were presented; the first one, performed by the choir and composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was admirable. The Chamber Singers consequently sang two different versions of that same song which appeared to be more vocally complex and intricate.

The highlight of the concert came near the end when the entire choir took part in the premiere of Follet's piece "Make, O God, Some Greater Thing." The melodious tune was excitedly received by the audience, and Follet herself stood up in appreciation for the choir's rendering of her work. A delicate and lovely interpretation of the perennial favorite "Amazing Grace" followed this debut and garnered some of the most enthusiastic applause of the afternoon.

The second to last piece to be performed was "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," which was sung in the style of an old slave spiritual. This song definitely introduced a new and welcome style in the concert; the only complaints are the song's placement in the program came so close to the end and was the only one of its kind.

Nevertheless, the College Choir and the Chamber Singers should all be congratulated for their capable handling of difficult pieces. While more variety would have been refreshing, the selection did provide a laudable preview of the upcoming holidays.

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thing about it. I give it 9," she said. Skrocki also got dessert; the diner's specialty is a Chocolate Mousse Mouse, which is made from mousse and chocolate cake in the shape of a rodent.

"The chocolate was rich, but you could tell it had been sitting out all day." The same could be said for Schatz's dessert. While her egg white omelet could only be described as "yum," her peanut butter cream pie was a bit crusty, but it was still tasty. Schatz rated her meal an 8.

Sobotkin ordered a Reuben, which he slowly but happily devoured. "My Reuben was served opened faced, so it could smile up at me, and so I could smile down upon it," commented Sobotkin. "It was huge too." The sandwich came with cole slaw, fries and pickle. It was rated a 9.5.



The diner's sign can easily be missed, so watch out for it.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

The diner was very sanitary, rating a 9 for cleanliness. The servers were caring and swift, and they responded to almost every request. It rated a 9.

Price was decent. An omelet cost about \$5 and a full dinner was \$8.35.

Like a truly Greek diner, City View Diner's menu contained notable Greek fare. As Schatz said, "It brings out the Greek in you, and I ain't talkin about no sororities and fraternities, yo."

Overall rating for service, cleanliness and taste: 8.8

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in the 400m hurdles with a time of 107.28. Additionally in the field events, placing third in two of which she competed, was Kristin Boydston in the shot put and javelin. Also adding a third place to the day was Freshman Valerie Robuck third in the high jump with a jump of 4'10".

Standing out for the men's track team is John Brodowski. He qualified provisionally for the NCAA Division III Championships in the decathlon. He achieved this by finishing

third at the TCNJ Multi-Event Meet. Brodowski's two-day score of 6,181 points effortlessly beat the previously set standard of 6,000.

To automatically qualify for the decathlon you must have a mark of 6,550. Brodowski is the first Centennial Conference athlete to break 6,000 points in the decathlon. By doing this he additionally broke the league record of 5,914. He also broke his own previous school record of 5,836 points.

The team will be at Messiah on Saturday.

Saturday's Game Schedule

Softball - Mules vs. Washington at 1:00 p.m.

Baseball - Mules at Washington at 1:00 p.m.

Women's lacrosse - Mules vs. Swarthmore at 12:00 p.m.

Men's lacrosse - Mules at Washington at 1:30 p.m.

Men and women's tennis - Mules at McDaniel (Saturday & Sunday)

Outdoor track and field - Mules at Messiah Invitational at 10:00 a.m.

Re-scheduled events because of inclement weather:

Men's golf - Gettysburg Invitational now Thurs. April 17th

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Mules continue to stay in a slump

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg men's lacrosse team (4-5, 0-5) fell to McDaniel College (8-0, 4-0) last Saturday with a score of 4-15. This is the third Saturday in a row that the Mules have lost to a nationally ranked team.

The fifteenth ranked Green Terror (8-0, 3-0) scored the next consecutive goals in the first half, while the Mules recorded only two goals that half, both scored by Freshman James Robinson.

MEN'S LACROSSE

"I think that being a young team we came together and meshed as a unit. By our sophomore and junior years we will be used to playing together," Robinson said. "We can also see how much we need to improve to be nationally ranked and we are ready to give it all we have."

Other Muhlenberg goals were scored by Mike Tentindo, as well as teammate Mike O'Malley who recorded a goal and an assist.

"Our season expectations are still really high, despite these losses," co-captain Tentindo stated. "Based on how we have done at the beginning of the season in our non-conference games, we didn't realize how the competition was going to be within our conference. We have to realize, however, that there are four incredibly strong nationally ranked teams within our conference. The future looks really bright, however, because we are a lot younger than most of the other teams, and we are going to be solid for several years to come."

Freshman Captain John Westendorf also recorded an assist, along with classmate Dave Armstrong.

Bryn Mawr blasted by Mules, 15-3

Tapkas brakes record for most goals scored by a freshman

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

Led by Freshman Courtney Tapkas and Seniors Lynsey Caldwell and Sarah Bowman, the women's lacrosse team defeated Bryn Mawr with a score of 15-3.

The Mules (5-4, 2-2) reached over the .500 with this win for the first time since 1997. In addition, the Mules need only two more wins this season in order to match the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse school record of seven wins in a season.

Tapkas scored six goals to lead the Mules in their win. This gave her 37 goals on the season. The six goals Tapkas scored in this game enabled her to break the school record for the most goals scored by a freshman, which was previously set by Megan DiPanni in 1993.

"We are really coming along as a team; one of our goals is to achieve more than in years past, and we achieved this and are coming along and working better as a team.

We have also been breaking records and everyone on the team is working together to be more successful," Tapkas said. "We just have to take one game at a time and keep working hard because we have the potential to be very successful for the second half of our season."

Caldwell had a great game as well, recording three goals and three assists. Now with over 150 points for her collegiate career, these three assists give her twenty-one for the season. This broke the present school record of nineteen that she set last year.

Bowman scored three goals as well, along with two ground balls. She is presently the program's all-time leader in ground balls with 178. She has already broken the school records for career draw controls and also caused turnovers her sophomore and junior years.

Other Muhlenberg goals were scored by Freshmen Jessica Geiger and Shannon Donohue, along with Sophomore Amy Lanning. Also contributing was Donohue who recorded two assists as well as Sophomore Diana Bleakely finishing with

One win and lose to round out weekend

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg baseball team defeated Swarthmore 5-4 last Saturday, and lost a double-header to McDaniel on Sunday.

On Saturday, the Mules (12-6, 3-2), who were down 4-1 in the fourth inning, scored four consecutive runs to overcome the Garnet Tide (2-11, 1-3).

The four consecutive runs were carried out by great plays from teammates of all ages. Senior Justin Rubenstein had an RBI hit to start off the run rally, which put the Mules on the chart with two out and nobody on base. Senior Justin Graf aided the Mules' win by stealing three bases, bringing him to a total of twenty-five for the season. This is just two

stolen bases s school record.

Sophomore Matt Long, who recorded an RBI earlier in the game, drove in the tying fourth run with a double base hit to right-center field. Long continued on to score the winning run by stealing third and continuing home for the final run.

"I think our season is going well," Long said. "We have won some big games and we are learning how to come together as a team, which will hopefully lead to a conference championship."

Senior Kevin Komeshok also had a great game, finishing with 2 2/3 scoreless innings to record his tenth career save. This makes Komeshok only one short of the school record.

On Sunday, the baseball team lost a tough double-header to McDaniel, 9-8 and 10-3. McDaniel (11-4-1, 6-1-1) defeated the Mules in

the first game after scoring six runs in the fifth inning. The Mules (12-8, 3-4) trailed 9-3 but came back and scored twice in the sixth inning to make the final score 9-5.

Senior Justin Rubenstein had a good game and batted in his second home run of the week.

Freshman Ryan Jaxheimer also played well, hitting a two-run single to get the Mules within one run in the fourth inning.

Sophomore C.J. Kessler batted 3-for-6, as well as recording an RBI and two stolen bases. Freshman Brian LaRoche also played well, finishing with an RBI.

"We are definitely coming together as a team, although we have a real push up ahead to make the centennial conference playoffs. We are ready to put in the hard work and come out on top," LaRoche said.

night game by one run, 3-2.

Sarno began her game winning run by hitting a single in the seventh inning, getting to second on an out-field error and was sacrificed to third by Berg giving her the straightway to home plate, while Cartolano went to bat.

In the first inning,

Cartolano also had a double in the Mules' first run. The Mules' took a 4-2 lead in the fifth inning after Maser attacked the ball and hit a triple, forcing three teammates to score. At the top of the seventh, the Bullets scored twice to tie.

Junior Danielle DeLucia pitched a good game and

claimed a win over Gettysburg. The Mules' took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when Ihey hit a triple and scored on an error.

The Bullets came back strong and reclaimed the game. Gettysburg defeated the Mules by taking two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth, 3-2.



Senior Justin Rubenstein attacks the ball for a home run.

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started off the double header for the Mules. Franklin & Marshall hit a three-run homer in the first inning, demolishing the strength of the Mules. Senior Meghan Woods lead the Mules in this contest by hitting a triple that sent in two runners in the second inning. However, this was the best the Mules were able to give

for the rest of the game.

On Sunday the Mules (5-14, 4-2) took on a double-header versus Gettysburg (11-5, 3-1), ending in a split as well.

The Mules won the first game of their home double-header. Cartolano hit a single that enabled Junior Nicole Sarno to bring in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning, 5-4. The Bullets fought back and claimed the

Matte Award won by men, women with top finishers

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mules' track and field team hosted the Muhlenberg Invitational this weekend, its second straight home meet this year. The meet consisted of twelve teams, yet it was a non-scoring event. Muhlenberg and Moravian were scored as a dual meet for the intention of the Matte Award. The Lehigh Valley rivals compete for the all-sports trophy. This award is recieved by each sport and they are then calculated to see which soon comes out on top.

TRACK & FIELD

Winning this award this year were the Mule men and the Greyhound women. This left Moravian with a two point lead (7-5) for the 2002-2003 school year with men's and women's tennis and men's golf still to be played.

Senior Will Elson set the Mules' only school record at the meet. Elson won the 5,000m with an impeccable time of 15:02.32. Elson's achievement took 31 seconds off the existing school record, while claiming his first place by more than a minute in front of his competitors. The second place competitor, Rick Carminati of DeSales University, came in with a time of 16:17.92.

Junior Rob Uniszkiewicz was the only other Mule runner to win an event at this invitational. He took home the win in the 1,500m with a time of 4:06.26. Right on his tail was Swarthmore's James Golden with a time of 4:06.69.

Furthermore, contributing to the men's success for their Matte Award was Junior Ben Phillips taking second in the 800m with a time of 2:00.01, just behind Neal Dave of Suny Cortland with 1:59.05. Also contributing was Junior Brian Cash placing third in the 5000m, 16:23.84, John Brodowski second in high jump with a height of 6' 2" and Senior Jason App in pole vault with a final height of 14'. Other outstanding performances in the field events were Junior Frank Santini, third in shot put with a throw of 43' 9 1/4", Freshman Brian Campfield in second with a powerful throw of 13' 11" and Junior Randy Holak placed third in Javelin with a throw of 165' 11".

Rounding out this incredible triumph for the Mules were the men's relay teams. The 4x400m team took third with a time of 3:31.09, Kutztown took the first. The 4x800m relay team took second with a time of 8:29.65 with Ursinus taking the first.

The women's team did well despite the fact that they did



Mule track runner slightly behind Mansfield runner in the steeple chase.

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Junior Ashlie Hankee down for a start. (left) Hankee anchors for the relay. (above)

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not win the Matte Award this year. The women's 4x100m relay team, which consists of Sophomores Ashlie Hankee and Katie Macomber and Freshmen Danielle Seiler and Kate Isselee, tied the school

record with a time of 51.70. Hankee and Macomber were in the relay team that set this record last year. The 4x400 team placed second with a time of 4:25.53. Contributing to the women's performances was

Hankee in second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.05; Jaci Pfeiffer of Kutztown University took the first with a time of 15.53. Seiler added a third

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Teammates Freshman Adam Nodiff and Brad Gutwillig also took a victory over Hopkins doubles team Krisna Potarazu and Aaron Ong, 8-2.

Parke said, "I thought it was a good match, everyone wants to really win."

In singles, Fleissig had an exceptional performance, taking a victory over Roch in sixteen minutes with a score of 6-0, 6-0. Kraft (No. 2) at singles came back from a first-set tiebreaker to win in three sets. Also doing well was teammate Parke who continued on to achieve a singles win over Potarazu.

Parke continued to say, "We were focused. We killed them and played really well."

The men and women's tennis team will take their play at McDaniel Saturday.



Junior Megan Schrelber pounds the ball to her opponent.

PHOTO BY MARC ROGOL

Weekend results in split

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

After the many schedule changes due to inclement weather, the softball team was finally able to play in a double header against Franklin & Marshall. The Mules (4-13, 3-1) ended with a split in this double header, winning the first of the two.

Junior Amanda Ibey, in the top of the ninth, doubled in the winning run for the Mules to defeat the Diplomats (7-6, 1-3) in the first contest of the double header 4-2. The Diplomats struck back at the Mules to take back a win in the night game, 5-2.

Ibey hit a single and scored on an error to give the Mules the first run of the contest and the lead in the third inning.

During the sixth, Senior Kelly Berg had an explosive hit, sending the ball into the outfield for a triple, and scored the second run on a suicide squeeze play by Junior Jackie Maser.

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Freshman Kristina Cartolano (2-5) took a one-hit shutout while going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Cartolano pitched a great game. However, Franklin & Marshall scored two runs on four hits taken. This sent the game into extra innings.

Junior Becki Toth led the ninth inning by reaching on an error and was sacrificed to second. Ibey took care of Toth by hitting a double, which sent her in to score.

While night fell, game two

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SPORTS



Top performances give the Mules a third place medal

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg men's golf team finished with a third place medal last weekend at the Moravian Spring Invitational.

The Mules, led by Freshman Chris Walach, finished with 309 points, just two strikes behind the College of New Jersey.

There were nineteen teams total that were involved in the Moravian Invitational at Southmoore Golf Course. Some teams included: Messiah College, University of Scranton, Philadelphia University and Moravian College.

Walach shot a two-over-par 73 to lead the Mules to their second straight third place finish.

The Muhlenberg score of 309 was actually a tie with both Moravian College and



Senior Todd Scholnick drains the long distance putt off the fringe.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

Elizabethtown College, but the tie was broken by the fifth-man score.

"Although we lost two kids from the fall, we picked up two amazing freshmen. Personally, I played in two

tournaments in the fall and absolutely love it," Walach said. "I think we have a great chance to compete for conferences this year. Our biggest competitor is Gettysburg; we finished

third in our first tournament behind Gettysburg and tied for second in our second tournament. Overall, the outlook for the future of our team is very positive."

Junior Jesse Neider played outstandingly as well, tying for tenth place. Neider's success led him to obtain a score of 77. Behind Neider was Senior Captain Todd Scholnick, who ended the tournament with a score of 78. Other stand outs were Freshman Brian Farelly and Junior Matt Katz.

"I think our team is coming along really well; we have a solid group of freshmen that are really stepping up and playing well when we need them," Neider said. "As a group we played well considering the weather conditions, it was rainy and cold, and we have a really good chance of surprising a lot of people and doing really well for the rest of the season."

The golf team will be playing on Wednesday at the Lehigh Men's Golf Invitational at Lehigh University.

Men and women sweep the courts

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The weather put a damper on playing the match outside, but it didn't put a damper on the team's enthusiasm to claim their victory. The

women's tennis team put their abilities together to defeat Johns Hopkins, 7-2, in their match indoors on Saturday.

The men's team added to the sweep as well with a victory over Johns Hopkins for the first time in Muhlenberg men's tennis history, 5-2.

The Mule women (6-3, 6-2) won their sixth straight match. This match was crucial since last year they lost to the Hopkins Blue Jays, 5-4, keeping them from an undefeated season. The

Mules took revenge and defeated them this year. Junior Captain Gena Ross said, "We got them back from last year--we never should have lost to them in the first place."

The first and second doubles teams gave the Mules an impressive start. Ross and Mackenzie Parke (No. 1) played exceptionally well with a win of 8-3 over Michelle Liang and Cara Loeys. Freshmen Amy Schmidt and Emily Oster (No. 2) added to their teammates' win with an 8-1 victory over Blue Jays' Vandna Jerath and Jill Seidman.

Ross, Schmidt and Parke all went on to give an outstanding performance by winning straight sets in the top three singles slots. Ross' win, 6-2, 6-2 score, retaliated a three set loss in the first of last year's

Centennial Conference Individual Championships. As of right now, Ross holds the number three seed for the Centennial Conference Championships.

"I feel confident that I have a good shot at the conference title," said Ross. "As a team, we played a terrific match and hope to do as well in our remaining matches."

The men's tennis team (5-1, 3-1) swept their doubles as well and won four out of six singles matches. This win enabled the Mules to knock Johns Hopkins (4-4, 3-2) for the first time in seven series meetings.

Sophomore Jeff Kraft and Senior Captain Cameron Parke defeated Blue Jays' Grant Roch and Michael Kelly-Sell, 8-1.

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Junior Mackenzie Parke slams the ball over the net.

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APD visits Beach Bash

BY BEN VEGHTE
Asst. News Editor

Sigma Phi Epsilon's (Sig Ep) annual party open to all students on campus, Beach Bash, received an unexpected visit from Allentown Police Department (APD) for the first time in the history of party's existence on Saturday.

According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and confirmed by Claude Kohl, Captain of Allentown Police Department, APD's presence at the party was the result of noise complaints. Lupole stated, "APD responded to several calls about noise made by residents around the College." Once receiving several calls complaining about the noise from the house, a call was sent out to APD officers in the area to respond to the noise complaints. According to Lupole, APD was the first authority to

arrive on the scene with Campus Safety arriving shortly after.

Lupole stated, "we [Campus Safety] heard the call go out and responded to it." Lupole explained that it is not policy to have APD report noise complaints to the College before arriving on the scene. Lupole explained that Campus Safety responds to APD calls that are heard on the radio.

According to Joe Levey '04, President of Sig Ep, upon arriving at the scene, "they [APD] asked to lower the music." Kohl stated, "the only problem was the noise and the crowding." He confirmed that there was not an issue of underage drinking because "every one was over the age of 21." He further stated that upon APD's arrival at the party "everyone complied" with APD demands -- all except for one, who according to Kohl was "arrested for throwing

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Student drinking statewide A comparison of alcohol policies in several Pennsylvania colleges

BY LAUREN WIESNER AND
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Students have expressed dissatisfaction with regard to the College's alcohol policy through student satisfaction surveys along with various verbal expressions throughout campus. In comparison to the College's alcohol policy, an examination of the policies at Moravian College, Franklin and Marshall College, Lafayette College and Gettysburg College, yields significant similarities and dissimilarities between each school's policy.

Muhlenberg had a total of 90 alcohol related violations in 2001, in contrast to Lafayette that only reported 66 violations and Moravian that reported 197 violations. Franklin and Marshall and Gettysburg were unable to disclose the exact number of alcohol related violations during 2001.

Although Moravian has reported the largest amount of alcohol relat-

ed violations among the colleges being compared, they assent that they do not seek out underage drinkers. According to Sean Tallarico, Chief of Police at Moravian, "We do not target certain areas to bust underage drinking." He further stated that if they know a party is going on, they "don't wait around outside for people to exit the house and be busted."

Hugh Harris, Public Safety Director at Lafayette, stated that it is their policy to have officers watch for underage drinking. "When we find an incident, we handle it in the appropriate manner."

Like Muhlenberg, Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall work in cooperation with outside police agencies to patrol and uphold underage drinking laws on campus. David Taylor, Associate Director of Safety and Security at Gettysburg said, "We do joint

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John McGinniss '06 assists students at Hanover Elementary School while they dissect owl pellets. See page 11 for complete article.

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Hass named interim VP for Academic Affairs/ Dean of Faculty

BY BEN VEGHTE
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Following the announcement that Curtis Dretsch, Vice President-Academic Affairs and Dean of College for Faculty, would be resigning from his position to return to teaching, Dr. Marjorie Hass has been named to replace him on an interim basis.

Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of Center for Ethics, spoke enthusiastically about her appointment to the position. Hass stated that she was "honored to be asked" and that she is "looking forward to participating." James Steffy, interim President, stated that among the numerous qualifications that led to Hass's appointment is that she has "a strong record of teaching at the College and as Director of the Center for Ethics."

Steffy further commented, "In those roles, she has worked with a variety of faculty, staff and students to improve the quality of the College."

Hass will take over as Dean of the College for Faculty/VP of Academic Affairs during the summer and will serve through the 2003/2004

Academic Year until a permanent Dean can be found to replace her.

Hass explained that one of her goals for the job is to improve relations among the faculty.

She stated that it is of significant importance to "improve conversations as a faculty."

Hass emphasized that she wants her office to be open to all faculty to voice their suggestions and comments. "It is important to me that the faculty realize that everyone has a place at the table."

With her appointment, Hass regretted to say that she would be unable to continue teaching next year.

Despite her year of absence from teaching, Hass affirmed that she would return to teaching as soon as a new Dean is named and her position as interim Dean concluded.

In an effort to find a replacement for Dretsch following his announcement to resign from office, Steffy stated that there was a series of "meetings" with President Elect Randy Helm that included individual faculty and faculty committees to find an interim Dean.

Steffy said that everyone was invited to make recommendations and

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Interim with impact

THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR OF TRANSITION, JAMES STEFFY has exemplified the qualities of an ideal interim President in executing his position. Steffy should be commended as the individual who has facilitated the movement from this past summer, typified by institutional upheaval, to the continuity of operation and the healing of past wounds. Steffy bridged the gap from the removal of a President of ten years to a new administrative leader while remaining in-step with the mission of the College. Steffy has also been quick to respond to the spike in reports of sexual assault on campus.

Through the formation of the Presidential Task Force, Steffy has taken substantive steps to raise awareness of the problem, isolate the causes and initiate a process to develop remedial strategies to address such assaults and other antisocial behavior. Although there have been some questions as to whether incidents of sexual assault have actually risen the College is taking a proactive approach to a very serious problem.

Another positive step that has taken place during Steffy's tenure was the appointment of Dr. Marjorie Hass as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and interim Dean of the College for Faculty. When looking to hire a Dean of Faculty, it is important that the College considers the opinions of those working directly with this person. This appointment highlights the overarching approach taken by Steffy -- one of deference to those affected by a decision or policy.

The Weekly thanks President Steffy for his leadership and is hopeful of a bright and fruitful future under Helm.

The year in news



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With the end of college, it is prudent to look at issues that have affected the country since the beginning of the academic year. Within the past ten months, the country has region immediately. Even in Afghanistan there are those who wish to see the end of the government and have tried to assassinate the leaders of the country. The potential for future conflicts breaking out in the region is palpable, and hopefully the United States will learn from Afghanistan the way to maneuver through the minefield of problems that await.

North Korea is perhaps the leading issue facing U.S. foreign policy now. President Kim Jong Il has made no qualms about his desires to attain nuclear capabilities. He feels that the United States will invade his country. Recently he has indicated his nuclear potential might be more advanced than many thought. The United States, until recently, has refused to speak with the North Korean government until they ceased all efforts to attain nuclear capabilities. If Kim Jong Il continues his quest for nuclear capabilities, then the potential for this issue to explode is imminent.

SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, is another issue facing us. The disease has killed 332 people and sickened 5,000. The disease has spread

been presented with a war ousting a tyrannical dictator, a potential nuclear showdown and a burgeoning epidemic. In terms of addressing future issues that could face our country, it is always important to remember what has happened in the past in order to, at the very least, provide a guide for the future.

With the ousting of Saddam Hussein, the future of Iraq is cloudy. Whether or not the United States and the United Nations will be successful in setting up and maintaining a democratic government in the former dictatorship, such as we did in Afghanistan, remains to be seen. Islamic fundamentalists in the country have cried for an Islamic state, and they want the United States to leave the

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Interim President James Steffy has recently opted to reduce the suspension of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Brotherhood by one year. The April 10 issue of *The Muhlenberg Weekly* contains a condemnation of this particular decision. The denouncement of the President's decision not only undermines James Steffy as a

Steffy acted in his jurisdiction

man, but the also the position of the Muhlenberg President.

The specific editorial that criticized the President, as well as numerous other articles contained within *The Muhlenberg Weekly* that concern TKE, have undoubtedly been written from a biased point of view. This is not hard to believe considering the Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper was a member of the Judicial Hearing Board that rendered the verdict to suspend TKE for three years.

The Muhlenberg Judicial System's appeal process is structured in order to provide a system of checks and balances. A case such as Tau Kappa Epsilon's is subject to two appeals. The first appeal is presented to an Appeals Board, and the second and final appeal is made to the President. This system has been implemented in order to ensure that

the decision is not determined by a single board as well as from a single point of view. Nevertheless, it was Dean Rudy Ehrenberg and not President Steffy who manipulated this system.

Concerning the case of Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Judicial Hearing Board, on a vote of three to two, reached the conclusion to suspend TKE for three years. However, it was necessary for Dean Rudy Ehrenberg to concur with this decision in order for it to be upheld. The case was then taken to an Appeals Board. It was Dean Ehrenberg who unnecessarily spoke out against TKE during this hearing, influencing the decision of the appeals board. Finally, when the appeal was made to President Steffy, it was Dean Ehrenberg who called the CEO of Tau Kappa Epsilon Headquarters in order to inform him that he had given his opinion to President Steffy regarding the appeal of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Dean Rudy Ehrenberg is not the President of Muhlenberg College. By involving himself in all aspects of the case of TKE he was clearly out of his jurisdiction. When one man abuses his power in the manner that Dean Ehrenberg did, it undermines the Muhlenberg Judicial System as well as its appeals process. The personal opinions and perceptions of one man, who is out

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To the Editor:

I have been following the College's decision to suspend TKE as it deals with the intertwining problems of alcohol, drugs, sexual assault and fraternities on campus. There are many disconcerting issues raised by both the process and decision itself without regard for due process and the presumption of

Fraternities not the problem

innocence standard that forms the bedrock of our law. But there are other troubling issues as well. Why is the membership of an entire fraternity singled out for discipline and suspension when, if proven true, a select few committed illegal and destructive acts? If members of a school club were found in violation of moral or legal conduct, would the College suspend the club, or would it rather seek out those responsible for the misconduct and deal with them? In the latest sexual assault reported in *The Weekly*, the victim "pre-gamed" with liquor in the dorms before going to an off-campus apartment before traveling to yet another apartment before arriving at TKE. Has the idea of

closing the dorms or restricting visits to off-campus apartments been considered?

What this decision seems to accomplish is the appearance of doing something to solve a complex problem when in reality the problem has neither been addressed nor identified. The College succeeds only in replicating and amplifying the original abuse. The College also deflects the real problem--drinking and the violence that often follows from it. We know from the risk assessment literature that the prevalence of violence is twelve times greater in those with a diagnosis of alcohol abuse or dependence than in those without a diagnosis, and sixteen times greater in those abusing drugs. The problem, therefore, is alcohol and drugs, not fraternities.

It would appear there is an opportunity here for the College to take a lead in helping students participate in the creation of positive socialization experiences by taking a fraternity like TKE, only because it is now the one in the limelight, and working with the remaining brothers and interested others in developing a model for constructive engagement and communal living that would move

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Looking back and being nostalgic, and a little bit nauseous



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It seems hardly conceivable that this year is over already. One year. Two semesters. Thirty grand. No matter how you look at it, this school season has come and gone, and now there's nothing that we can do but look back and wonder what it was we were doing when we thought we were being

cool. Here are just a few of the things that I have gotten out of this year.

Obviously college is a place of learning, but there are major differences between the type of education one gains in the classroom and the experiential knowledge one receives by simply living. This year has brought upon many challenges, and as a first year student, I see that some of the lessons I learned brought about new insight on life, whereas others reinforced strongly ideals that I already carried with me.

Sometimes your best just isn't good enough and that's okay. Up until last semester, I had thought that I was capable of anything that I decided. After receiving a failing grade in one of my classes, I took on a tutor,

made a point to do my homework and even went so far as to go over some of it with classmates. I would study with a friend before classes and I would never miss a class. Granted, I did improve. I went all the way up to a C and that's where I stayed. I can seriously say that I tried, and it still wasn't good enough. It was a tough lesson to learn, but one that was very much needed. It definitely brought me down a couple of notches.

Friendship does not mean doing things constantly with each other and friends from the past do not need to be constantly in touch. When I go home and meet up with my friends from high school, we spend about an hour going over what happened in school and then we

pick up almost exactly where we left off when we left. True friendship includes that ability to go for long periods of time and then acting like it was nothing at all. Also, it's amazing how many new people you can meet when you only have a month of school left, especially when our entire school consists of a little over 2000 people. Even though we are a small school, our size allows us to get to know each other so much more personally.

There is a way to do too much and there is a way to do too little. Each person has his own style and his own obstacles to overcome. Just because a person does fifty things does not mean that he is more involved than a person who does one thing. I'm involved with sev-

eral clubs on campus and there are people who say that I do too much. But then I look at some of my friends who are so passionate about a single activity and that level of dedication is more than anything I could ever do. There is a battle between quantity and quality and in the end, it only matters how you feel about it. You do what you can for what you like. When it all boils down, the only person who can tell you how good you did is yourself.

This is only a sample of what I have gotten out of this year. There is much I've learned about myself and the world around me that I can't wait to apply to my life. I look forward to learning more and gaining more experience as the years progress.

Salt, Blistex and so much more

Amanda Phillips
Life! Editor

I will openly admit it: I have made a mistake. I have been too harsh on the Health Center.

Health care as a general rule doesn't have the best reputation; you can practically hear the nationwide moan at the thought of it. Yet here, at the College, I believe I have found a health care facility that does, in fact, care for those who are in need. Now wait, you might say: Did this writer not just write an article entitled "Health Center woes?" That I did. And I maintain that the Center should be open more hours during the week.

This gripe I had, however, was not really with the Health Center, but with the budget allowed for operation of the facility. This is not the fault of the Center staff by any means. Despite the fact that the Center is not open on weekends or nights, there is always a nurse on call to help with that case of pink eye that occurs at 3 a.m. In fact, I have found the nurses at the Center to be more than willing to help at any time. Even while on their lunch breaks, if someone comes in with an ailment, I have seen the nurses come quickly out to help. What's more is that the staff at the Center is interested not only in providing students with the appropriate care, but also in their daily lives.

I go in weekly for an allergy shot, and I never leave without feeling like I had just stepped in my house after a day of high school. The nurses have something helpful, clever or funny to say, and they

are always interested in how my day has been. It's almost like having four or five moms checking up on me.

People may say that the Health Center cannot provide all the facilities it should, but let's be honest. It is not a hospital--it's not reasonable to expect your local doctor's office to provide the same services as an emergency room, and likewise this is true for the Center. Even as the Center stands right now, the care provided, in my experience, has been just what was needed. I don't have to leave campus to get shots, I can pick up some medicines for free and I can see a doctor during the middle of the day. Some schools, such as Dickinson, require you to make an appointment with their doctor.

Now, since the Center is not a hospital there are times when it cannot provide the care needed. In these instances, the staff can send the student to a local hospital, and this is just what they did for me. The nurses recognized that I needed more medical attention than could be given, and they sent me quickly to Sacred Heart. Not only did the Director of Student Health Services check on my well being at the hospital, but the rest of the staff also asked about me for days to come. I can't prove any of this using statistics; all I can say is that, before criticizing the Center, step in talk to the nurses for a while, even if you aren't sick. Say hi, grab a piece of candy, and take some extra Benadryl (it's allergy season, after all). There's more than salt and Blistex at the Center. Who knows? A quick visit might make your day.

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through Asia, mostly China. For those who feel it is not an issue for them, the fact that a case of SARS was reported in the Lehigh Valley area should raise your eyebrows. While it was not on or near campus, the incident shows how far-reaching the disease

has progressed. A global effort is needed in order to prevent the disease from spreading even further and claiming more lives.

The issues mentioned inevitably impact your lives. Everyone knows someone who has been affected by at least one of these news stories. The ripple effect of these topics on our

country is stronger than one might think. The global society has ensured that what affects a country miles away will have an impact on us. How they are dealt with when confronted depends on precedent. George Santayana said it best: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

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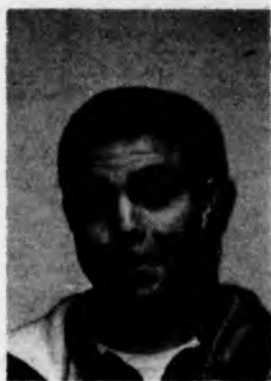
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Weekly Discourse: The economy

Who is to blame for U.S. economic status?



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Our current recession does not surprise me in the least. We were foolish to even dream

panies to work with fewer employees and more cost-effective resources. So what does all of this have to do with a recession? The way I like to see a recession is capitalism's autonomous consultant. In a recession the weak companies, such as many of the barely legitimate dot-coms of the past, are removed from the economy. These companies were a drag on the economy's efficiency as a whole. By borrowing tons of money, pumping stock prices to unrealistic rates, and even falsifying earnings (Enron), these companies were the economy's weakest link.

that the economy had the potential to keep growing as it did in the mid to late '90s. Now that the pipe dream of dot-coms has been squashed, people have begun to point fingers at anything and anyone they can. "Poor earnings," "reverse splits," "decreasing same store sales"-- all of these clichés can be used ad nauseum to validate the current recession. However, we must first ask ourselves whether a recession always needs to have a negative connotation.

We are a people, an economy and a society that is ultra-productive. American people are fanatical with regards to efficiency. Anywhere we can save a minute, a dime or a mile we will do it. Why do you think that fast food, cell phones and automated services are so popular? The supply and demand for efficiency consultants seems to never have been greater. These efficiency consultants make a living re-engineering com-

It is true that these companies leave behind no more economic baggage than the severance payments that a company would have to pay to a dismissed employee. Instead of severance payments, they leave behind defaulted loans and unhappy investors. This is not a bad thing, however; when inefficiencies are removed from a company, the company regains its new footing and begins to grow again at a greater rate than before. Granted, I am not entertaining any of the political arguments that could be made in this situation, but my feeling is that we need to ride this one out for the enhancement of our future. We must take the good times and the bad times, because if we only had the good times.



JASON
KLEIN

Imagine a world where the stock market was actually rising, businesses were booming and there was no such thing as business

fraud. If it sounds too far-fetched to you, that is because it is. The economy, booming only a couple years ago, is now falling faster than the rule of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. There are many reasons for this economic recession, but George W. Bush is not one of them. Bush is currently serving as a scapegoat; the real problem in our economy is in businesses themselves.

There was once a time when businesses were sincerely interested in innovation and helping to make for a better tomorrow. Now corrupt business owners are interested in nothing more than the size of their wallets. American business is not

about making the lives of consumers better, it is a selfish industry where the corporate executives care only about their own personal wealth. The problem with the economy is the driving force behind it: greed.

Enron, ImClone and WorldCom are just some of the businesses that recently have been investigated and caught for fraud. Falsifying records to make their stocks higher, insider trading--whatever the method, the reason is greed. How are the American consumers expected to respond to business after hearing all of these stories about fraud? American consumers are greedy too; they do not want to lose their money if they feel as if it is going to be fraudulently put into some executive's pockets. This creates quite a dilemma. If consumers are not putting money back into the economy, the economy suffers, and this is exactly what is going on.

Bush's tax cuts were meant to put more money in the hands of the consumers, so that they may reinvest it. However, this money is not being reinvested because of the chain of greed that governs modern business.



RACHEL
KLEINER

I am not, nor will I ever claim to be an authority on the economy and its complicated inner workings.

A complete understanding of its intricacies and comprehension of its many components takes years of study and a lifetime of experience. Although I may not have the same expertise in the area as others, to even a layperson like me, the economy has seen much better days. It is quite clear to any average American citizen that the plummeting numbers of the stock market don't lie.

As an outsider, what I can't completely understand is how those who have all the knowledge about this subject, especially politicians and the media, seem to have the simple cause-and-effect answer. Whatever they may choose to be the cause, the effect is the decline of the economy. Why is it that whenever a person in the spotlight or an event that just occurred is seen negatively he or she is ultimately blamed for the downfall of the entire stock market?

In recent years, Bush has suffered criticism from all sides, which claimed that he, along with his tax breaks, caused the slide. Even more recently, the war in Iraq in addition to our endeavors in other countries, has brought on attacks. I am in no way defending Bush; that has never been something that I am eager to do. Let's be realistic and place blame where blame is truly due -- everywhere. This country is made up of people, places, things and events, all of which have a dramatic effect on the status of our economic health. This is not to say that the small shop owner in a suburb of Montana has the same power as the President of the United States, but maybe the problem really is that no one is willing to take responsibility for his or her actions.

This country has become known for passing the buck and pointing fingers at one another. Whether it is the politicians, the consumer or our foreign counterparts, someone is always being blamed for our problems. The economy did not get in the state it is in today because of the actions of one individual. Over the years decisions have been made, some were wrong, others were unavoidable. What we are left with now is the mess that has been left behind. There is no way to ever truly decipher what is the cause of the collapse. Maybe it is now time to look ahead and begin searching for the solution.

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of his jurisdiction, should not be able to so heavily influence the outcome of a case that affects the livelihood of an entire fraternity as well as an entire campus.

Furthermore, while *The Muhlenberg Weekly* has claimed that President Steffy's actions were done in "apparent disregard for judicial process," it is just the opposite. The appeal was brought to Steffy and he rendered his decision. This was a legitimate process and in no way did it undermine the Muhlenberg Judicial System, as much as those who possess biased views against TKE would like to think it did. Unlike Dean Ehrenberg's involvement, President James Steffy possessed the jurisdiction, according to the bylaws of Muhlenberg College, and right to act as he did by reducing the suspension of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

-- Ross Cooper
Class of 2005

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developing a model for constructive engagement and communal living that would move Muhlenberg towards the closer social community many of its students desire. Does not the College have a responsibility to the remaining brothers of this fraternity while they attend Muhlenberg? By waiting until they all graduate before bringing the fraternity back, it maintains the stigma of them as lepers, branding them with the equivalent of scarlet letters. One should ask why the college feels a need to engage in this level of malevolence towards a subset of its own community. Could it be that the college, rather than looking at its own role in enabling drinking on campus, has instead found it easier to scapegoat a vulnerable subset of its community and, in stigmatizing them, unburden their own conscience?

--Roger Goldin
Parent

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Raising money and helping others

BY LINDSAY ASPINALL
Weekly News Writer

Looking back at the semester, there were numerous student-run community service projects that have brought students together with the community. According to Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service, community service at the College is more than just another activity; it is a way of life. Lane explained that students who are involved in projects are not only contributing to the community, but they are also learning valuable lessons about themselves as individuals.

The ongoing fundraising for the Lost Boys of Sudan was one of the larger projects of the semester. Each year, the Center for Ethics sponsors a series of programming, and within the Community Service Office, they seek a fundraising effort that will work with their programming. The Center for Ethics decided that immigration awareness would compliment the year's program, "Patriotism in a Global Era," and decided to raise funds for the Lost Boys.

The Lost Boys of Sudan are a group of boys and

some girls who have been moving across northern Africa to escape civil war. Many of the boys are currently in refugee camps in Kenya, but approximately 3,600 have had the opportunity to relocate to the U.S. In total, there are about 40,000 refugees.

The students actively involved in raising money for the Lost Boys included Lindsey Moore '04, Jeff Slotterback '04, Lori McEwuen '05, Lindsay Barad '04, Mala Tanna '04 and Greg Bird '04. These students raised money through a donation jar at Java Joe's, Cal-Lutheran Football, a benefit concert and several other means. They raised approximately \$4,200, which was split to support the refuge camp in Africa and settlers in the U.S. Three of the resettled boys who live in the Lehigh Valley area came to visit the campus during the Scotty Wood Tournament. According to Slotterback, meeting the boys was "a truly amazing experience. They were in awe of the campus and were the nicest and most appreciative guys."

Another great project this semester, the Midnight Run,

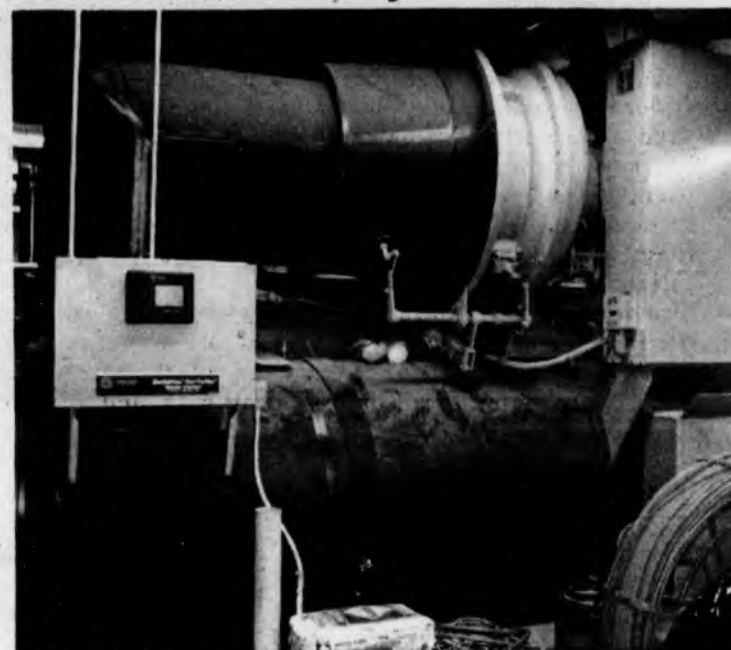
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New chiller cools campus more efficiently

BY MICHELLE SARTOR
Weekly News Writer

After year-long construction, the College has recently finished the building of a new chiller plant that will supply chilled water for air conditioning in several buildings around campus, including Ettinger, Haas, Trumbower, Shankweiler, Walson and Taylor. The new system is replacing the older equipment that was in place to cool the buildings. Although Plant Operations is in the process of putting the final touches on the new system, it has been operational since April 15.

The new chiller plant is more efficient and economical than updating individual units for each building, which was also considered as another option for replacing the aging equipment. Although the initial cost for the system that was installed is greater than that of individual units, Ronald McMullen, Maintenance Supervisor of Plant Operations, said that the project will pay for itself within seven or eight years. He also said, "The life of the system is well in excess of 35 to 40 years." This is compared to the fifteen to twenty year life expectancy of individual units.



A view of the interior of the new chiller plant.

PHOTO BY ADAM WYNN

McMullen also commented that the system uses environmentally friendly refrigerants and that Plant Operations is constantly looking at environmental issues. He explained that the greater efficiency of the new chiller plant will not only cut down on costs, but also help the environment. According to McMullen, the system contains high-end technology that will sense how much energy is needed and therefore send out only the necessary amount. Since the system is

based on demand with variable frequency drives, less kilowatt hours of electricity are released, so much less energy will be wasted. McMullen explained that some systems simply have on and off positions, which waste much more energy than the College's newly installed system.

According to McMullen, the plant is sized to support 1,800 tons of water. The water is cooled to 42 degrees in the chiller before

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Steffy to return to retirement

BY LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

After a year of leading the College through transition, James Steffy, interim President, is preparing to return to retirement. Steffy will leave office on June 30, leaving Randy Helm to undertake the Presidential position on July 1. In an interview with *The Weekly*, Steffy reflected on his 43-year career in higher education and the challenges and rewards that this year in particular brought him.

Out of a lifelong career in higher education, Steffy found that his most enjoyable position was teaching students. "I've had a number of rewarding positions, but I think the faculty and student relationship lasts a lifetime," said Steffy. Teaching was one of the earliest roles Steffy encountered in his higher education career.

This year, his position as President of the College brought new challenges and roles for Steffy that he had never before experienced. "While [it was] a challenging year, it was exhilarating in many ways because of the challenges of transition and... it put me back in touch with students in a way that I had not experienced before, at least at [the College]," he said.

He explained that the transition is a result of changes within and outside of the College.

According to Steffy, the "uncertain world and economic climate" has had an effect on the College's operations.

Internally, the College has faced the leadership change that resulted in Steffy's interim Presidency. Steffy said that the College's transition "had to do with a different leadership style on my part that had to be demonstrated." He explained that the leadership difference was a matter of a style change that was inevitable with a change in Presidency.

As a result of the change in leadership style, Steffy sees that, "The campus is more relaxed. There are lively discussions of all sorts of topics taking place...and I believe this is healthy for a college campus," he said. "[The College has] tried to tackle problems and not sweep them under the rug."

Steffy explained that the College Community has been very active in speaking out about swastikas being posted, sexual abuse, war and a range of other issues.

The Center for Ethics and Leadership has hosted several events that have also proliferated conversation on campus.

Steffy gave credit to the faculty and staff of the College for making the year run smoothly.

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James Steffy, Interim President of the College, will return to retirement following the installation of President Elect, Randy Helm, to the office of President.

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Presidential Task Force makes recommendations

By DANIELLE MARCANTUONO
Weekly News Writer

Discussion concerning issues of sexual assault and gender abuse within campus life have become prevalent over the past few months. In recognition of the rise of these issues, James Steffy, interim President, assembled what is now known as the Presidential Task Force. Chaired by Dr. Marjorie Hass, Associate Professor of Philosophy, the Task Force serves as a network for the integration of the ideas regarding sexual assault and gender abuse of various members of the College

Community. Comprised of over 30 members, the Task Force has represented the voices of the staff, faculty, students, Board of Trustees, alumni and parent groups.

Dr. Hass explained that the role of the Task Force is not to make any efforts to change the situations concerning sexual assault, but rather to "review [the College's] policies and procedures and our current climate in which these issues are dealt with, and to make some recommendations for things we could do better," she said. "The Task Force was not charged with implementing any new policy changes. Our task was to

simply make an investigation, come to some sort of understanding and report back to the President."

After convening three times, the Task Force successfully compiled a list of recommendations to address the problems and find ways to look at those problems as opportunities for positive learning experiences for students. The list was sent to Steffy upon completion.

"The kinds of recommendations that we made were really aimed at strengthening things that we already do, particularly the kind of educational programs that we have, not just in terms of

sexual assault but in terms of sexual education generally, as well as relationship development and what it means to have a healthy and positive sexual relationship," said Hass.

The recommendations focused on topics including education and prevention programs, the need for an increase in privacy and confidentiality and social life and community building issues.

The final recommendation suggested ways in which new policies could be implemented; however, Hass explained that decisions concerning what recommendations will be

enforced and in what manner will most likely be made by Steffy.

One suggestion made by the Task Force was that issues of sexuality and safety should have a greater presence through programs such as June Advising and Orientation, so that incoming first-year students and their parents might obtain the proper information before the new students' arrival.

Hass, as well as other members of the Task Force, praised the group's diversity

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patrols together...and watch traffic to and from campus on Friday and Saturday nights. We also have Liquor Control out here quite actively."

Unique to Muhlenberg, Campus Safety hires two Allentown Police officers who patrol the surrounding area of the College during weekend nights. Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, explained that the officers are "a proactive presence, not that they are out there to bust people."

Moravian and Lafayette do not require the assistance of outside police agencies because their officers are permitted to issue Pennsylvania State citations for violations they detect.

Harris explained that they have both campus police officers and campus security officers patrolling campus. He stated that their "police officers have police authority."

Tallarico stated that Moravian owns all the property on campus and does not require the help of outside police agencies. He stated that an outside police agency is used "only if we call them as backup." He further noted that if Bethlehem Police receives a complaint they call Moravian's COM Center to let them know. "They ask us if we need help, if they were to receive reports about the College."

As opposed to Muhlenberg where students only receive repercussions from the College, Moravian students receive disciplinary sanctions from the College as well as the State of Pennsylvania. Tallarico stated that officers are commissioned and authorized by Pennsylvania to issue citations. "If they get cited by us, then whatever the Pennsylvania law is, they could lose their license or face a possible fine," said Tallarico.

While Gettysburg has a similar disciplinary system to Muhlenberg, Franklin and Marshall works on a point system that is made up of four levels. These four levels are divided into underage consumption and/or transportation of alcohol, excessive noise or disturbance, possession of illegal drugs, and distribution of illegal substances.

Under level one, underage consumption offenses result in disciplinary warning on a first offense, a college seminar and work hours on a second offense, parental notification and work hours for a third offense, and disciplinary probation on a fourth offense.

Although no fraternities at Muhlenberg have

been suspended or expelled based solely on alcohol charges, several have been reprimanded for alcohol related incidents. Tallarico stated that three fraternities at Moravian have been expelled from the college, one of which is returning next year. He said that these expulsions are "usually drinking related and [because of] disregard for others as a result of drinking. Alcohol could be the cause of ongoing series of problems involving hazing or assaults," said Tallarico.

Franklin and Marshall does not recognize fraternities, however, there is one fraternity on campus and five others off campus. In the case of an incident related to underage drinking at the fraternity, the fraternity would only be sanctioned by outside police authorities. Gettysburg has ten fraternities on campus that make up a significant part of the social life on campus. Taylor said, "although [fraternities are] not the only social option, they are certainly one of the main options."

Moravian has specific guidelines for when a party should be considered out of control and worthy of being shut down. Tallarico said, "If the party goes on past midnight during the week and 2:00am on the weekend, and we get a complaint, we will go and shut it down." He stated that if a complaint is received prior to those times, Campus Safety will issue a warning.

At Gettysburg, "if it's an unregistered event we can shut it



Groundbreaking of the Life Sports Center

Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, Arthur Altman, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Monica Jones '04, Captain of the Women's Soccer Team, John Heffer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Samuel Miranda, Director of Student Health Services, and Linda Andrews, Director of the Physical Education Program, were present for the groundbreaking for the Life Sports Center.

PHOTO BY BEN VEGHTE

down for just being there," said Taylor. He explained that a noise complaint and underage drinking are not the only reasons for a party to be broken up because all parties must be registered.

Ehrenberg explained that at Muhlenberg, the alcohol policy has been designed so that, "our goal has to be for kids to have a vibrant social life, but not in a way that violates the rights of other people."

Faculty Promotions

The Board of Trustees has promoted six members of the faculty this semester:

Theodore A. Conner has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor of Music

Hemchand Gossai, Associate Professor of Religion has been granted tenure

Christopher A. Herrick has been promoted to Professor of Political Science

Erika M. Sutherland has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor of Spanish

Alan Tjeltveit has been promoted to Professor of Psychology

Kathryn Wixon has been promoted to Professor of French

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facilitated by Alison Pofsky '04, Co-President of Students Have A Real Effect (SHARE) Pofsky had done extensive research over this past semester on homelessness in the Lehigh Valley. According to Pofsky, "I came across this program [Midnight Run] in New York, and thought it would be good here. As of now, the Lehigh Valley doesn't have the best resources for homelessness."

Through Midnight Run, students interact with the homeless in Allentown. "The focus is not on bring-

ing food, although we do bring them chili, soups, clothing, and many other items," said Pofsky. "The focus, however, is on making a connection and learning from one another." Pofsky's main focus was to increase student awareness about homelessness and to "break down the stigma."

Pofsky applied for a grant through Mazon, a national hunger organization, and received \$500 to fund the project.

As the social action chair of Hillel, and the Co-President of SHARE, she was able to use the resources from both organizations to make this project a success.

Next semester, Pofsky plans to continue moving ahead and bringing students into Allentown to interact with the homeless.

Other additional projects pursued by students throughout this semester included spending Saturdays building a local home for Habitat for Humanity, tap dance ensemble performing in nursing homes and schools, Summer Theatre Show performances in elementary schools, renovations to Sixth Street Shelter and "The Library," a show about a younger girl in the Holocaust, being performed at middle schools.

Tom Hartey '03 is being

recognized as "College Buddy of the Year" for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. Courtney Russell '03 is also being recognized for tutoring.

According to Lane, "Community Service has become a strong part of the culture here at the College, and is definitely a strong portion of many students' lifestyles."

With so many students involved in community service, the College has made a strong reach out to the community.

According to Lane, "Community service is not just service or being dogooders, community service is community outreach."

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although he couldn't go into specific names, he stated, "a number of different faculty were nominated." Steffy noted that Hass was "nominated by a number of faculty colleagues."

Steffy explained that the search process for a permanent Dean of the College for Faculty / VP of Academic Affairs will begin this summer or fall. Steffy stated that there will be a search committee led by Helm that will be responsible for finding a new Dean. Steffy stated "Helm will be naming that committee to assist the search process next year."

OFF CAMPUS

Levittown - Defense and prosecution attorneys wrapped up their closing arguments Monday in the degree-of-guilt hearing for a former Bucks County man who pleaded guilty last week to killing his ex-girlfriend. The defense team for John F. Passmore III, 24, used its closing argument to cast doubt on Bucks County District Attorney Diane E. Gibbons' claims that its client lay in wait, planning to kidnap 21-year-old Melissa Chamberlain from her Levittown home and kill her. Passmore pleaded guilty April 22 to killing Chamberlain in a deal with Gibbons in which he would be spared the death penalty.

Allentown - Construction of the America on Wheels transportation museum at Allentown's Lehigh Landing could be under way next year, with the opening coming in March 2005, under a plan outlined for residents Monday night. About 30 people attended the city's latest in a series of public updates on Lehigh Landing, which included a discussion of plans for expansion of nearby Buck Boyle Park and demolition of the adjacent Lehigh Valley Transit Co. building at Front and Linden streets. It was also revealed that none of the \$12.5 million pledged by the state and federal governments for development of America on Wheels and Lehigh Landing can be used to tear down the long-vacant transit company structure.

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"I realize all over again, the dedication of faculty and staff here at [the College]. For me, that's made the year do-able," he said.

The College has also faced difficulty dealing with dissatisfaction with the social life on campus. "Ongoing challenges are the whole issue of what constitutes a rewarding social life for students. That's an elusive question," said Steffy. "Students are not all the same and do not want the same things."

Steffy cited the renovation of the Life Sports Center as one area of future improvement of campus life. "[The renovations] can add to a healthy and wholesome campus life," he said.

Steffy explained that several other options are being explored for next year,

including the creation of additional space for social activity. Where the tennis courts are currently located, a space will be allocated for outdoor basketball and general recreation. He stressed the importance of student input in any changes made to help social life.

Admissions have also been successful this year in the eyes of Steffy. He explained that he is "pleased with our continuing success in attracting a variety of well-qualified students through our admissions program." Admissions are eight percent ahead of last year, which Steffy cited as "a phenomenal accomplishment in difficult times...and a tribute to faculty and staff and students who make this a place that is very attractive."

One of the most rewarding roles for Steffy has been his involvement in renovat-

ing and constructing buildings on campus. He helped in planning with faculty, staff and students on the renovations beginning with the Trexler Library in the late 1980s and continuing on to the most recent Robertson and South constructions, along with the Communication Building and planning for the Life Sports Center.

For next year, Steffy is confident that Helm will be an asset to the College Community. "I am very pleased with his selection. He has impressive credentials. I'm pleased that he is available and more importantly he was interested in becoming the President of this institution," said Steffy. "As far as my own plans, I need to go back to retirement and see what [happens]. Whether I'll have a role with the College has not been determined yet."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Scattered Thunderstorms	Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 48	High: 58 Low: 43	High: 64 Low: 43

BEACH BASH

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a beer bottle while the officer was there."

According to APD, the individual arrested was William Happ '05 who was charged for Public Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct. Despite his presence at the party, Happ is not a member of the fraternity and according to Levey, "is totally unaffiliated with [Sig Ep]." Levey further noted that there would be no repercussions to the fraternity because of APD's response to noise complaints. "We were completely compliant with Campus Safety and APD. Nothing that happened was the cause of the

house."

According to Lupole, the party was not registered because Beach Bash was registered as a party from the time of 10:00pm to 2:00am. Lupole said that he was aware of small parties during the day involving brothers and alumni of the fraternity, but he was unaware of anything larger, such as the event on Saturday, taking place. "I don't know if it is always like the party that occurred on Saturday," Levey stated that Beach Bash "hasn't been busted before." Lupole confirmed Levey's claim and stated that it is "uncommon" for it to be shut down. However, Lupole did say that it is "possible to be confronted."

He explained that there is a misconception among students that since a party occurs during the day it is free from being reprimanded because of noise. He stated that a noise complaint could be filed at any time during the day. According to Lupole, the noise of Beach Bash "went right across the park." He stated that if the city gets complaints from those residents across the park, they have no choice but to respond to the scene and appease their complaints.

According to Levey, the incident that occurred did not affect the mood or the success of Beach Bash. "I think it was as successful as it could have been. No one expected what happened."

New pregnancy support system offers a Caring Heart

By DANIELLE MARCANTUONO
Weekly News Writer

The Newman Center is the new home for a program called The Caring Hearts Pregnancy and Adoption Service that plans to offer young women support and options during an unexpected pregnancy.

"Pregnancy can be a frightening ordeal for a young woman," explained Diane Thomsen as she spoke of her work at Caring Hearts, a program sponsored by The Catholic

DeSales and Lehigh Universities.

"Statistics show that college women are among the most likely to have an abortion," said Thomsen. "We at the Caring Hearts Program want to advocate for and educate college women on choices that could be alternatives to abortion. It's a scary situation for many women to be in at first, and many times they just want to make it all go away. We are there to listen to and support and help them to ask the question: what would it be like to be a

college student and have this baby?"

A morning at the Newman Center can provide any student, male or female, with several

tools to deal with the issue of pregnancy, including over the counter pregnancy tests and information on the adoption process.

The members of Caring Hearts also offer advice on how to live with pregnancy and its effects on college life and how to gain knowledge of useful parenting skills for those interested in keeping the baby.

"It's important for each student to think of the pregnancy in the early stages, but they need to be able to look, say, as far as five years down the road, as well," Thomsen explained. "They need to do what is best for

both themselves and their baby. Adoption may be the answer, or it may not be, and it's okay if its not. Students should not come here in fear. We are here to help and speak with them on non-judgmental terms."

Each student's personal circumstances are kept confidential between themselves and the counselor, and aid is provided without any cost.

Thomsen also noted that it should not be thought that Caring Hearts is exclusive to female students, as it is fully available "to the young men who have great and understood concern for their girlfriends and babies," she explained.

"Fathers are more than welcome and encouraged to be educated in regards to parenting and adoption and involved in the decision making process. Everyone has the right to ask his or her questions and receive information, and we offer that information to all who ask for it, regardless of race or religion."

Thomsen expressed concern in regards to a student's understanding of the accessibility to the program's services, saying that the weekly hours at the Newman Center are unfortunately limited.

"We want to make ourselves available to those who need our help and advice as often as possible. Students need to understand that they can contact us dur-



The Newman Center is the location of the new pregnancy support system.

PHOTO BY ADAM WYNN

"We want to make ourselves available to those who need our help and advice as often as possible."

Diane Thomsen

Social Agency of the Diocese of Allentown.

Now that they have received funding provided by Real Alternatives Program through Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare, Thomsen and her colleagues are able to offer their service and support on Monday mornings from 10 to 11:00 a.m. in the Newman Center on Liberty Street.

The Real Alternatives Program has helped to establish similar pregnancy outreach systems in as many as eight colleges in the surrounding college communities including

ing other times outside of our scheduled visits on campus," she said.

Thomsen has established a private e-mail address as well as cellular phone number specifically for college students. "We are available to meet at anytime while still being discrete."

Thomsen also stated that the program would be offered during the summer months in addition to the academic year months. "Our goal is not to pressure anyone into making a certain decision," said Thomsen. "Students can come to us seeking that information, or just to sit and talk perhaps over a cup of coffee. We're here and ready to listen."

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 22 - Vandalism - The window of College Chaplain Peter Bredlau's office was smashed in with a rock.

Apr. 22 - Defiant Trespass - Beverly E. Smith, who has been previously issued a letter of trespass to the College, was found on campus again. She was arrested by Allentown Police Department.

Apr. 22 - Fire Alarm - Cooking from a stove at 2214 Chew St. caused the fire alarm to go off.

Apr. 22 - Harassment by Communication - A student-on student harassment violation in Robertson Hall left one student referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 23 - Injured Employee - A housekeeper in Walson Hall was injured and transported to the hospital.

Apr. 23 - Motor Vehicle Accident - There was a student-on-student vehicle accident in Seegers parking lot. The students have exchanged information and have talked it out.

Apr. 23 - Vandalism - The exit signs on fourth floor Martin Luther Hall were ripped from the wall.

Apr. 24 - Fire Alarm - Smoke from a fog machine in the Trexler Pavilion triggered a fire alarm.

Apr. 25 - Harassment - There was a student-on-faculty harassment incident in

Ettinger that left the student referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 25 - Assist Outside Agency - There was a student-on-student fight in East quad. Both students have received protection from future abuse.

Apr. 25 - Harassment - Ignacio Sagarminaga '04 was arrested for harassing an individual on 23rd St.

Apr. 25 - Vandalism - The interior of the Tau Kappa Epsilon house was destroyed when some holes were made in the walls and trash was dumped on the floor.

Apr. 26 - Vandalism - The ashtray in the East Hall archway was knocked to the

ground.

Apr. 26 - Noise Complaint - A noise complaint was filed at Sigma Phi Epsilon at an unregistered party in which William Happ '05 was arrested for disorderly conduct and public drunkenness by Allentown Police Department.

Apr. 26 - Intoxicated Person - A student was found passed out in the men's room of Seegers Union because of an excessive amount of alcohol consumption during the day. The student was taken to the hospital for observation.

Apr. 26 - Alcohol Violation - Two students of Prosser Hall were referred to the Judicial Board for

underage drinking.

Apr. 27 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm was set off at 2245 Liberty St. because of cooking on the stove.

Apr. 27 - Trashing - Four trash bags filled with garbage were thrown through the stairways of Prosser Hall.

Apr. 27 - Vandalism - An ashtray was pushed down the hill behind Benfer and ended up in the road of Parkway Blvd.

Apr. 27 - Fire Alarm/Disorderly Conduct - A fire alarm was pulled in Benfer room 303 that resulted in the arrest of Matt Levine '04 by Allentown Police Department for disorderly conduct.

Biology professor retires after long career

By LAUREN WIESNER
News Editor

After 39 years of teaching at the College, Dr. Carl Oplinger '58, Professor of Biology, is retiring from his career in teaching to finish a year of research and then return home to his family. Throughout his years at the College, Oplinger has enjoyed working with students and faculty in several settings inside and outside of the traditional classroom.

Oplinger has taught a variety of courses at the College throughout his

career. Since he began teaching in 1963, he has been instructing a field-oriented Ecology course. Oplinger also taught Zoology for a quarter of a century to students primarily interested in entering the health professions. In the past, Oplinger worked with Daniel Wilson, Professor of History, and Charles Bednar, retired Professor of Political Science, to interrelate themes including history, political science, ecology and environmental science in one course.

He also team-taught a course in Environmental Science for non-science

majors and more recently worked in theme-based seminars about Evolution and, this year, Behavioral Ecology.

Outside of the traditional classroom, Oplinger has taken students to the Bermuda Biological Research Station annually for 23 years. "That's always been a great treat for me," said Oplinger. "Bermuda has been a great experience. For me a great satisfaction is getting to know students in a different setting. It's been very rewarding. It makes me wonder why I'm retiring." He has also taken students to the Everglades.

Oplinger has always shown an interest in personally knowing and working with his students. His favorite course to teach was Ecology because he "could get out almost every week with students," which was only possible because of the small class size.

Oplinger explained that in every class he taught, "even when it was a class of 70 students or so, I would insist on doing all the labs to get to know all of the students."

As a student at the College, Oplinger graduated during a time of change. His senior year at the College was the first year of coeducation. "[That year] had all these wrinkles in it that other years hadn't," said Oplinger. "It was really quite intriguing."

He explained that coeducation was the best thing to happen in the years that he has been involved at the College. "It certainly changed the nature of the institution...to a much more vibrant social scene," he said. "The academics were quite good when I was here as a student. They've stayed the same, but socially it was a different scene."

Oplinger explained that prior to coeducation, the campus lacked social energy because students left the College on weekends.

After graduating from the College, Oplinger earned a Masters degree from Lehigh University and his Ph.D. at Cornell University. He returned to the College to teach Ecology.

"Fortunately, [the College] was interested in starting a course in ecology. I was quite frankly happy to come back to my alma mater. All in all, it was good timing," Oplinger said.

Oplinger's fondest memory at the College is "the realization that I've been here for several years, to finally recognize that I had a child of one of my former students, that gave me pause."

Oplinger added that since that first time that his occurred, he has taught several more children of former students.

He stressed the importance of students taking opportunities that become available to them. "I certainly wish they would venture forth into diversity of experience both academical-

ly and socially," he said. "I sometimes see students missing opportunities...all in all, it seems that some students don't venture forth."

He also explained that in the Biology department, he sees good change and improvements. "I've been very elated with the people we've brought into the [biology] program," Oplinger said.

After the end of this semester, Oplinger will take his last group of students to the Bermuda Biological Station.

Upon returning, Oplinger will also work with Laurie Rosenberg, Director of Environmental Educational Outreach, in a two-week workshop for elementary school teachers on environmental topics.

Later in the summer, Oplinger will begin his research in the Environmental History of the Poconos for his final year sabbatical. His research will study the nature of the environment and how humans interacted with and altered it.

In retirement, Oplinger plans to travel to see "things that I couldn't experience because major travel time was tied to summertime," he said.

He explained that he would like to travel at seasonal times of the year to see things like deserts in bloom that only occur on an annual basis.

Oplinger also plans to spend more time with his two daughters and 2-year old grandson. He also will be "spending even more time with my wife. That has always been a joy as well."

Looking back on his lifelong career with the College, Oplinger said, "There are lots of memories and most of them are quite good," he said. "It's really been quite enjoyable. It's never seemed like work. It's certainly gone by very pleasantly."

According to James Steffy, Interim President, "[Oplinger] made a valuable contribution to the College for a number of years. Senior faculty have, over the years, provided top quality teaching. Carl Oplinger is one of those people."

Oplinger will be receiving the Alumni Associates Achievement Award for his service to the College.

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Kids enjoy helping hand from students at Science Day

BY MATT JAKUBIK
Asst News Editor

Many students of the College were greeted by hundreds of smiling, young faces when they chose to take part in this year's Science Day, held at Hanover Elementary School in Bethlehem, Pa.

Science Day is a program where students at the College volunteer to teach elementary school children basic science concepts in a fun and exciting way.

The program was started by Chrysan Cronin, Biology Lecturer, in 1995. "Hanover Elementary School was the first school that we visited when I began the program in 1995," said

"It's good for children to be exposed to science when they're younger because science is always changing"

Alana Wellington '05

Cronin. "[Science Day] was originally designed to show teachers how easy it is to include science in their everyday curriculums."

Cronin also explained that another important reason she developed the program is "because of the lack of science taught at the elementary level."

This year, 80 students from the College participated in the event. Students

signed up in groups of six for one of several available projects.

Some of the projects available this year included "A Bug's Life," "Magic Solids" and "Sensational Science." Each group then attended a training session in which they learned the basics of their project.

It was left up to each individual group, however, to determine a lesson plan incorporating their project that would seem exciting to and keep the attention of the elementary school students, a task that was far from easy.

The projects were developed to teach a wide variety of basic science to the young children.

The "Magic Solids" group taught students about the states of matter and polymers by making cornstarch goo, volcanoes and pseudoputty, a version of Silly

Putty created with Borax and Elmer's glue. The "Sensational Science" group used a variety of experiments to teach the elementary school students about the five basic human senses.

During their allotted lunch time or any time off, participating students were encouraged to join the elementary school children at recess or sit with them in

Since the buildings around campus are already equipped with the necessary piping for a chiller system, McMullen said Plant Operations thought it would be the most cost effective and efficient.

He also pointed out that the new system will eliminate some noise problems on campus due to the existing units, for example, the noisy unit outside of Taylor Hall.

It also frees up space in the buildings where the units were before. McMullen estimated the cost of the project to be about \$2.4 million.

The money to pay for it came from general operating capital.

He said, "There were no grants that I know of." He also commented that utility projects are sometimes hard to sell but will lower costs in the long run.



Kristin Geisser '03 assists Hanover Elementary School students as they extract DNA from cells.

PHOTO BY CHRYSAN CRONIN

the cafeteria.

"I enjoy working with kids," said Alana Wellington '05, a student participant. She went on to explain that, "It's good for children to be exposed to science when they're younger because science is always changing, and for them to discover new things as they get older about what they already know is the point of science."

Helping Cronin in organizing the event were Nate Yeasted '03 and Diana

Robillard '05. Both Yeasted and Robillard are Dana Scholars, who used this opportunity to fulfill their Dana Directed Studies requirement.

According to Cronin, teacher response to the program was overwhelmingly positive, and the Principal of Hanover Elementary School has requested that Cronin bring the program back to the school three years from now.

Overall, the students at Hanover Elementary School

thoroughly enjoyed Science Day. Jennifer Bielsten '06 commented, "Science Day was an excellent opportunity to teach young children about science and to give something back to the community. I now have a new respect for elementary school teachers."

According to Seena Shekari '05, "Watching the kids' eyes light up as they learn about things that interest me is a great experience."

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as a main precursor to the formation of the recommendations. "It was a unique forum in which all different types of people came together," stated Katherine Kohler '04.

Kohler went on to say that although the process was challenging, the force was "able to come together and discuss not just issues of gender and sexual assault, but a variety of other topics such as social life and alcohol policies."

Jennifer Yateman '04 described the Task Force as "a group of truly motivated people."

"You read stories of these situations in the paper all the time," said Yateman. "Our campus is no different than any other. The issue has always existed, but now it has become more noticed." The Task Force's work has now been complet-

ed, and there are no immediate plans for the group to meet again before the end of the semester.

Yateman and Kohler both expressed confidence in the Force. "It's going to take time, but I think we came up with what will be

effective both now and in the future as well," said Yateman.

Kohler said, "We are not sure what will happen, but even if we can only stop one incident from happening, then it will have been worth all of the time and effort."

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being directed to the buildings through ten-inch underground piping. Currently, 1,200 tons are online and the rest is designated for future capacity, including the Life Sports Center addition.

The underground piping necessary for the system was installed last summer from west of Taylor Hall to Ettinger. With this setup, Plant Operations will be able to add more piping if necessary.

According to McMullen, eventually there will be a complete loop of underground piping around the campus, including across the street to reach Trexler Library and the Center for the Arts. He said, "Future expansions would drive a lot of that."

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--Anonymous

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER DO THAN TAKE A THREE-HOUR FINAL?



"Either spend a week in traction or have a spinal tap."

--Jessie Pavlics '03

"Run backwards naked through a cornfield."

--Mike Loughlin '05



"Anything. Just anything!"

--Jackie Gerard '04



"Get a root canal by a sadistic Cuban."

--John Dunphy '06



"Ice Cream World, baby!"

--Kate Scalzo '04



COMPILED BY AMANDA PHILLIPS AND RACHEL SCHATZ

Extravagance in satire: *The Beggar's Opera*



The colorful and eclectic mix of cast members from *The Beggar's Opera* strikes a group pose. The costumes and makeup depict elements of current pop culture, creating a familiar atmosphere for complex topics.

PHOTO BY JED BAKER

BY KRISTIN BURKHART
Life! Staff Writer

The 2002-03 MTA season went out with a brief but extravagant and costly run of *The Beggar's Opera* by John Gay and directed by Jim Peck. The show is a musical that was written as a social satire in the eighteenth century, but was carefully transferred into

the current American society for this production. However, it was clear that Peck remained very close to the original script. For example, the characters' speeches were definitely those of eighteenth century London with their formal tones and colloquial phrases.

Still, the many visual sides of this production were aimed very directly at commenting on American society. There were a variety of pop culture and political references, including excellently designed costumes that allowed the two leading ladies, Polly (Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03) and Lucy (Sarah Hutchison '04), to appear as Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears and the lead male, Macheath (Matthew Barcewicz '03), to look like Bono, the lead singer of U2. Overall, the costumes and hair and makeup designs were eye-catching, and they

created a sense of lavishness and theatricality that made the air of satire in this show apparent. These stage garnishes made the topics of satire easier for the audience to comprehend.

When *The Beggar's Opera* was originally written and performed a couple hundred years ago, the show was meant to be a controversial, outrageous and shocking piece of theatre. It was aimed directly at a society and a government with whom the playwright was very irritated. Therefore, undertaking this play now, when shocking audiences becomes harder as debates on American life are more prevalent, can be a very interesting endeavor. Yet Jim Peck was very successful at providing shock value. There was a highly-charged sexual and political atmosphere that was noticeable in the show and was highlight-

Corrections

from the April 10 Issue:

Durang's plays resound with laughter and a pang of controversy was written by Kristin Burkhart and Kristen Ziegler

College Choir and Chamber Singers perform annual spring concert was written by Julie Strasser

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Pre-Finals Frenzy at East Fest: Fun-filled activities spread across the East Quad

BY RACHEL SCHATZ AND
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Writer

Vastly different from the usual cold and wet weather, East Fest reveled in the nice partly cloudy, warm spring climate. On Fri., April 25, students from all residence halls and members of the College Community made their way to East Quad between East and Martin Luther Halls to experience the annual East Fest. The yearly event gives those in the over twenty-one crowd the opportunity to "bring their own beverages" to the outside barbeque dinner, compliments of Wood Dining Services. In addition to the traditional Wood fare, attendees could also savor fun foods like cotton candy, popcorn and various flavors of Rita's Water Ice. Mike Strauss, President of the Residence Hall Association (RHA), said, "We paid a lot for that."

Spanning the late-lunch

and dinner-time rush, East Fest began at 3 p.m. and lasted until about 7 p.m.

The well-known-on-campus Rebel Saints provided the soundtrack for the afternoon and started off the festivities. After the Saints' opening set, two sophomores from the University of Delaware, Cary McCartin and Ned Darrell, rocked the quad with such interesting cover songs as the Rolling Stones' "Sympathy for the Devil" and pop-rapper Eminem's last-summer single "Without Me." Finally, Garen from the under-

An exuberant student holds on for dear life as she rides the mechanical bull at East Fest. The mechanical bull was one of several activities for students to participate in at the Fest.



PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

ground band Granian, a group very popular among 'Berg students that has played the College several times in the past few semesters, concluded the day with a set of his own.

In past years, East Fest had always been hosted by the housing staff of East

Hall. This year, however, the festival was sponsored and arranged by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), a completely student-run organization with a new constitution.

The organization has about 30 active members and between 35 and 55 members in total and is composed of one delegate per Residence Advisor and one representative per residence hall. This year is the first year that RHA is completely student-run without RAs, although RAs did help out with East Fest a great deal.

Two RHA members who were integral in this year's planning were Mike Strauss '05, (RHA's President) and Vinny Rella '04.

At the Fest, there were also many exciting activities for the students to enjoy while eating and listening to student-produced music. Some of the rentals brought in were the Bungee Run in which two people are tied to bungees and race while confronting inflatable obstacles. There was also the Speed Pitch, which

clocked amateurs' and experts' pitching abilities. There were outdoor arcade Basketball and a Strong Man Machine complete with sledgehammer. Student Body President, Robyn Duda '04, was one of the few people that sacrificed themselves in the Dunk Tank. Strauss commented that the RHA "tried to have really noticeable



Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, flashes a positive "thumbs up" sign while he stands drenched in the Dunk Tank. Several other good sports were also willing to be dunked.

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people in the Dunk Tank" to maximize East Fest's turnout. Among others who shared Duda's sense of adventure were Dan Sehn '04 (Head Resident of Martin Luther Hall) Steve Soroka '03, Victor Young '03 (Head Resident of East Hall), and a drenched Rudy

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The "new" rock music

BY EVAN LEVINE
Life! Staff Writer

The "garage rock" revival that has occurred in New York over the past few years has thrust bands like The Strokes, The White Stripes and post-punk/new wave artists like Interpol into the mainstream. Meanwhile, one group has silently crept onto the scene, and with steady gigging around the city, has built up a solid fan base. The band is Elefant, and their debut album released on April 8, *Sunlight Makes Me Paranoid*, is one of the most exciting new releases this year.

Elefant was formed over the past year by singer Diego Garcia, bassist Jeffrey James Berrall, guitarist Mod and drummer Kevin McAdams. In February, the band released their first EP, *Gallery Girl*, which teased audiences with three tracks of driving beats and scorching guitar riffs.

Gallery Girls's title track,

which is the only track not to appear on the full length LP, builds upon Berrall's fresh bass-line before taking an aggressive turn, due in part to the frantic drumming of Kevin McAdams and Mod's scratching guitar leads. Diego Garcia's vocals shift with the songs, writhing and screaming as the song reaches its climax before erupting into a frantic toxic super freak-out.

Sunlight Makes Me Paranoid focuses more on the band's pop sensibility than the grit of their EP. The opening track "Make Up" features Mod's guitar playing as a tool for adding ambience to the driving drum and bass rhythms. The songs sound confident, and the "less-is-more" approach that Elefant take makes for a short, distinct and memorable listening experience.

The two older tracks that were rerecorded for the album, "Bokkie" and "Annie," show remarkable improvements, highlighting the band's progress since the recording of *Gallery*

Girl.

What's the album's best track? It's a toss up between the crisp "Tonight Let's Dance," a jovial love story that's carried by a searing guitar solo, and "Static on Channel 4," which recalls brit-pop icons Blur with stereo panned acoustic guitars and Garcia's ethereal croon.

The ability of Elefant to draw on their inspirations and blend them together in an updated, unique fashion sets them apart from their contemporaries. Garcia's ability to drag out words recalls the glory days of The Smiths' front man Morrissey, and the group does not deny that their sound was heavily influenced by the Velvet Underground.

Sunlight Makes Me Paranoid is an extraordinary effort from a young up-and-coming band. In addition to catching the heat off their still-raw and not-yet-sensationalized sound, their live should be also not to be missed.

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A Delicious Finale: A comprehensive diner review

BY AMANDA PHILLIPS
Life! Editor

The time has now come. Since all you diner review fanatics have been holding your breath, you can now relax. After several dozen greasy eggs, a few bottles of Imodium AD and a million and one cups of coffee, we have finally come up with a top-ranking diner. And the winner is....City View Diner. Well, sort of.

Even though City View came out on top of our ten point scale with a rating above 8.5, we must admit that these comparisons might not have been done in the most scientific way. For example, ordering the same meal at every establishment got very old, so it soon became a habit that was no longer followed. Plus, personal biases and experiences played a role in the evaluation of each

diner. The first diner we reviewed receive a much higher rating than it should have because of the novelty of it.

Keeping all this in mind, we have decided to present synopses of all the diner reviews for a final comprehensive review. Within the following you will find redone ratings, what to order, and a few other helpful suggestions. The rest is up to you.

The Charcoal Drive-In

Could also be called: Average Joe's Place.

Overall can best be described as: A less than mediocre establishment where you can get your food for a good price, but you shouldn't expect it to be tasty.

You definitely want to try: The mashed potatoes.

Stay away from: The grilled cheese.

Best little extra: The pic-

ence and enhance the theatricality of the production.

Unfortunately, there was one thing that made it difficult for some audience members to enjoy and understand *The Beggar's Opera*. There seemed to be a bit of a battle for acoustics between the singers and the orchestra. People sitting in all parts of the Baker Theatre reported having problems hearing the soloists several times during the show. None of the cast members were given personal microphones, so they were each hard to hear. Though very talented, the orchestra played much too loudly, and in a show that is extremely dependent upon performers' singing, this orchestral overcompensation elicited audience complaints and affect the audience's ability to follow the characters' solos and the plot.

Still, the recent 'Berg production of *The Beggar's Opera* was quite an extravaganza that managed to catch the attention and the reflections of more many members of the community. It was a massive undertaking, and the entire cast, exceptionally hard-working crewcrew and production staff deserves a round of applause for the enormous amount of success that they achieved.

tures of Bill Clinton at the diner on the walls.

Best review quotation: "It's very brown"--Schatz on the diner's décor.

Should have been rated: 5

The Queen City Diner

Could also be called: Las Vegas Lights

Overall can best be described as: A classic family diner where the waitress is bubbly, the food is pretty good, but the flatware is a bit grimy.

You definitely want to try: The French fries.

Stay away from: The turkey sandwich.

Best little extra: Carafe of coffee placed on the table.

Best review quotation: "It's neonruffic"--Meyers on the lighting fixtures.

Should have been rated: 7

Chris's Family Diner

Could also be called: Mr. Clean's Spot

Overall can best be described as: Somewhere you don't want to go.

You definitely want to try: An egg white omelet with spinach and mushrooms.

Stay away from: The "ham-burgers."

Best little extra: The lack of any noticeable dirt, dust, or microorganisms.

Best review quotation: "I didn't get my cream with my refill, but by the time I asked for another refill I could have milked a cow and pasteurized [the milk]"--Meyers on the service.

Should have been rated: 3

Trivet Family Restaurant

Could also be called: The Hot Spot Diner

Overall can best be described as: A great place to go at anytime, whether it for Sunday brunch or at 5 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Plus, there is great service.

You definitely want to try: The California chicken salad.

Stay away from: The hash browns.

Best little extra: The soothing décor.

Best review quotation: "[This coffee is] so strong it would make a New York bum do a backflip."--Meyers.

Should have been rated: 8.

Dina's Diner

Could also be called: Sketchville, USA

Overall can best be described as: An inner city diner that is good for someone with little money and an adventurous spirit.

You definitely want to try: The chicken sandwich on a steak roll.

Stay away from: The eggs.

Best little extra: Leaving with your bank account still intact.

Best review quotation: "I know Morimoto beat Bobby Flay, but I don't think Mori could ever make a grilled cheese sandwich like this."--Meyers.

Should have been rated: 7.

Whitehall Family Diner

Could also be called: Chromehall Diner

Overall can best be described as: A crowded brunch location where the service is a little hasty and impersonal, but the food sure is good.

You definitely want to try: The eggs over easy.

Stay away from: The extra mayonnaise in the tuna fish.

Best little extra: The claw machines in the entryway.

Best review quotation: "I commend the artistry of the yolk."--Sobotkin.

Should have been rated: 7.8

Bethlehem Diner

Could also be called: Uncle Sam's

Overall can best be described as: The only place where we had ever been offered Freedom fries.

You definitely want to try: The eggs and hash.

Stay away from: The eggs benedict.

Best little extra: The projectile motion syrup.

Best review quotation: "The Hollandaise sauce was neither Hollandaise nor sauce."--Skrocki.

Should have been rated: 6.5

City View Diner

Could also be called: New York Diner

Overall can best be described as: A diner that, while nothing special, does everything right.

You definitely want to try: The Swiss beef burger.

Stay away from: The lemon meringue pie.

Best little extra: Most of the desserts.

Best review quotation: "It brings out the Greek in you, and I ain't talkin about no sororities and fraternities, yo."--Schatz.

Should have been rated: 8

And that's all she wrote. So frequent the establishments and review on your own.

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ed in the program as well. All attempts were made to encourage the audience to examine current societal conventions.

However, the combination of sexually explicit material and satirical controversies did cause some audience members to leave the show before its end. Yet this is to be expected in any show whose content could be seen in an offensive light, and it did not detract from any point of the production.

Visually, *The Beggar's Opera* was exquisite. The set was elaborately constructed and included an enormous turn-table stage that rotated around three different sets. Each of the three sets could change within themselves. Numerous wall units and other set pieces flew in from above the stage.

Additionally, there were two scaffolding units covered in a white fabric that flanked the turntable. This stage piece served, along with the scrim at the back of the stage, as a projector screen for numerous pictures and advertisements that further displayed the underlying meanings of particular scenes. These masterpieces of scenery juxtaposed with the lighting design to dazzle the audi-

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Students strut their stuff at the Student Dance Concert

By JOHN DUNPHY
Online/Subscriptions Editor

The Muhlenberg Dance Association featured a student choreographed dance concert, showing skillful movement that was entirely student-produced. Despite having no faculty involvement in choreography, the show portrayed the level of talent that these students possess.

During the first piece, four dancers acted like marble statues from the Classical Age. As they moved, they told a story. Just as statues and artifacts tell stories of the past, they brought those statues to life. There were several repeti-

tive motions such as the launching of arrows from mimed bows, depicting war. It was a stunning performance to begin the show.

"Soda Shoppe Sunday," which was quite comical, followed. Each dancer had her own character and her own movements. Seaweed never appeared so graceful as it did in "Un-Tide-Ld." Morgan Maholick '03 invoked the beauty and grace of the ocean. In this piece, excess fabric of the costumes flowed quite nicely and actually made wave motions. The dynamic between Meg Richwine '03 (dancer and choreographer) and JR Lopatin '03 was extraordinary. By ending with simple waves crashing

on a shore, the dance was definitely brought to sublime closure.

"Untucked" evoked feelings of a modern woman breaking free from binding expectations. All the women in this piece began dressed as men in bow ties, cummerbunds and hats. As the dance went on, they lost their attire and eventually were just themselves as free women on stage. Swinging to "The Barbershop Quartet," the dancers stripped their costumes and showed that superficial appearances do not matter.

Lisa Marten '05 and Jessica Warchal '05 performed and choreographed their own dance, "Just a moment please while the

operator changes the reel." They dressed as if they were in an old film. The dance featured slapstick moments, reaching back to that age of then 1920's comedy and the silent film.

The last number of the show was absolutely hysterical. Nine dancers performed a satirical ballet, which broke down the barrier completely between comedy and serious art. Ballet was made into a riotous



Statuesque student dancers pose on stage.

PHOTO BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

farce. One ballerina danced while smoking a cigarette, provoking laughs from the audience. The concert was astounding and all who participated should be very proud of what they were able to accomplish.

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Ehrenberg (Dean of Students).

Back by popular demand, the Mechanical Bull seemed to give students a challenge as this rodeo-like ride whipped and shuttled students into padded walls and whip-lashed frenzies. After a few tries, junior Kieran Southwick seemed to aptly tame the wild, mechanical beast. Southwick stated, "I was able to handle it pretty well because of the extra practice."

Food, music, fun and injury weren't the only incentives to attend the yearly carnival. In the later afternoon, a Nintendo XBOX was raffled off to lucky ticket holder George of Bear Security. Luckily, it was George's son's birthday, so one little boy is going to be very happy with his free state-of-the-art system.

As the year winds down and finals round the corner, East Fest seemed to give students some much needed studying relief. It got students out of their stuffy dorms, into the open sunlight, and on top of leather harnessed fake barn animals and lost in inflatable fun. It's too bad that East Fest only comes once a year. According to Strauss, East Fest "was a huge success."



Above: Justin Saverline '05 slams the sledgehammer into the bottom of the Strong Man Machine in an effort to make the lever strike the bell at the top.

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Below: A student reaches for the end of the line in the Bungee Run race before being snapped back into the inflated wall.

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Identity crisis: Strangers, storms and murder

By RACHEL SCHATZ
Life! Editor

Sex and violence sells. Yet when combined with severe mental disturbance and a subhuman murderous ram-

page set in a remote, hillbilly hotel, you're in for a sure-fire hit. Now number one in box offices across the country, *Identity*, starring such names as John Cusack, Ray Liotta and the spine-tingling creep Jake Busey, provides jilting shock value, thought-provoking mystery and a driven plot, not to mention a pretty accurate and entirely innovative representation of the mentally ill.

Identity opens with terse and spliced scenes of a contemplative court psychiatrist reviewing taped discussions with one of his patients, a death row inmate destined for execution within twenty-four hours. In a frantic effort to achieve a final stay of execution, cuts of newspaper headlines and glimpses of graphic crime scene photographs reveal that the prisoner in question had brutally murdered innocent victims at some interstate motel. The movie then turns its focus to various seemingly unconnected people: a former cop turned limo driver (Cusack) and his flimsy movie star passenger, a family composed of an anal retentive father, a relaxed mother and a silent and aloof son, a country prostitute, an alleged police officer (Liotta) and his transported prisoner (Busey), a dysfunctional young couple, and a solitary sometimes-friendly hotel manager. Oscillating between flashback and real-time occurrences, the ten strangers arrive at a run-down motel trapped by floodwaters in every direction. Completely isolated from any civilization, the strangers begin to disappear one by one, turning up disembodied and impaled with no responsible party ever in sight. Throughout the scenes, the camera flashes back to the legal proceedings initially presented in the opening scene.

The film seems to have a pulsing heartbeat of its own. All the scenes are overwhelmingly overshadowed by a crackling and downpouring storm, directly adding to the tension within the two plots. As the events progress, the stories grow more complicated and the weather more treacherous; you can even feel the wetness of the cold

horoscopes

By Miss Philli D'Vine and Mama Schatz on movies and songs of summer

♈ Aries

"These are what memories are made of, people!" --from *Can't Hardly Wait*. For the past four years, you've coveted the musty old Ciarlas lying around the Health Center. Now's the time to get your own! Control your enthusiasm. Everyone is going to be fat in ten years anyway.

♉ Taurus

"Just because you're smart doesn't mean you can't act stupid." --from *Camp Nowhere*. Now that the end of college so imminent, it's time for you to finally let loose after sixteen years. Sign up for the Senior Prank and streak like there's no tomorrow. Make sure to wear sunglasses.

♊ Gemini

"What can I get ya?" "How about...drunk." --from *Summer Rental*. You've turned twenty-one, and you want to cast off your finals and drink tomato juice. Don't do it; it will give you hives. Nasty ones.

♋ Cancer

"Yes, I'm a bum. But I'm a Harvard bum." --from *With Honors*. You applied to your dream med school. You're determined to go Ivy, but the only way you might get to live there

is on a park bench. Hey, at least you'll be near Boston. It has good tea and guns.

♌ Leo

"My assault on the world begins now." --from *Say Anything*. Summer is near, so rid yourself of bitter grudges. Forgive your friend for eating your Hungry Jack Frozen Dinners and stealing your boyfriend. Bury the hatchet; don't use it for revenge.

♍ Virgo

"I'll get the big picture...Times change, things are different. But the problem is, I don't want them to be." --from *American Pie 2*. You're going back home to ma and pa after four glorious years of independence. Your friends will be far away and you don't have a job. Look on the bright side...wait, there isn't one. Sucks for you!

♎ Libra

"I learned to let go of the illusion that we can possess." --from "I'll Remember" by Madonna. You feel like you've learned a great deal this year. Thirty thousand dollars isn't a lot to pay to learn not to put a pink thong with the whites.

♏ Scorpio

"Remember the good times that we had / I let them slip away

from us when things got bad." --from "I Will Remember You" by Sarah McLachlan. Hang on to the good times you've had...the ones you remember. For those you don't, they don't really count.

♐ Sagittarius

"Kids are starving in China, and you're walking around with a sombrero full of peanuts." --from *Meatballs*. Spoiled is your middle name. Actually, it's Fred, but don't tell anyone. Be thankful for what you have because there are starving children in China.

♑ Capricorn

"You have so many relationships in this life / Only one or two will last." --from "Mmmmbop" by Hanson. Remember those blond-haired girls with screechy voices? Burn their albums. Right now. Do it.

♒ Aquarius

"I know it's up for me / If you steal my sunshine." --from "Steal My Sunshine" by Len. These guys are like Hanson. Burn their albums too. Right now.

♓ Pisces

"Hey, world! Check me out!" --from *Say Anything*. You're ready for anything. Meat industry...here you come!

just can't figure out the nature of those connections. Who really is the psychiatrist defending? Why are all these people at the hotel? What do they have in common? Who is killing everyone? When did John Cusack age so much? The plot never lags and keeps you questioning and guessing until the very unpredictable and awing end.

Despite the fact that most of its violence is seen in either quick flashes or occurs entirely offscreen, *Identity* is suspenseful and graphic to the point of insanity. Many audience members on opening night crunched up into balls like scared toddlers, covering

their eyes just enough to not visualize the horror onscreen.

Identity is reportedly not nearly as scary as last year's killing fest *The Ring*, but it's intricate plot, symbolism and highly intelligent conclusion allows it to transcend Hollywood's recent horror flick attempts like *Darkness Falls* and *Jeepers Creepers*. For the easily scared, nightmares may ensue; yet one night of sleep is little to sacrifice for such a well-composed massacre. This release will leave you questioning your own sanity as you check under the bed for murderers, madmen or even just your own wild imagination.

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rain on your skin. Moments of silence stand out like a squirrel with an intact tail on Academic Row. *Psycho*-like music builds up to climaxes, and then just before a significant event, the movie's soundtrack vanishes, leaving the only sound in the theater being the panicked breathing of your movie-going partner in the next seat. Thus, the movie shocks, irks and intrigues on cognitive, auditory, emotional and tactile levels.

The connections between the parallel plots and among the characters at the hotel are eerily palpable, but you

Mules end with a record-breaking season

BY ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team suffered a defeat last Saturday against Gettysburg with a score of 7-17. The Bullets (16-1, 9-0) scored ten of seventeen goals in the first half, enabling them to initially gain the lead over the Mules and never turn back.

Sophomore attack Amy Lanning had a great game, recording a goal and an assist. "We fought really hard the entire game and we never let our heads drop down," Lanning said. "It was too bad we weren't able to win our last game for our seniors, but we did the best we could and put forth a great effort against a great team."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Freshman Courtney Tapkas also played very well, scoring three goals. This hat trick allowed her to tie the school record of twelve hat tricks in a single season.

The Mules had a productive season, however, setting school records for wins with eight, goals (208), goals per game (13.87) and assists (94).

"Overall, we think this season was incredible, because not only did we have the best season that Muhlenberg women's lacrosse has ever seen, breaking many of the school records, but we also pulled together as a team and had a great time doing it," Lanning said. "We also accomplished many goals with many team members injured, but every single person on the team stepped up to fill in when a teammate was down and needed help."

Sophomore Christa Carlstrand recorded one goal for the day, as well as Freshman Shannon Donohue. Sophomore goalie Diana Bleakly played well also, finishing with eleven saves.

For Muhlenberg, both seniors playing in their final game reached career milestones. Midfield Sarah Bowman recorded her 100th career point, while attack player Lynsey Caldwell became the third ranked member of the team's all-time scoring list with a total of 177 career points.

Caldwell has already broken her own school record for assists in a season with twenty-eight, to become the eleventh player in Centennial Conference history with a total of 75 assists in a career.



(above) Women's lacrosse team works together to achieve success.
(below) Freshman Shannon Donohue sets up for a goal.

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action again next week as they head off to the Centennial Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship meet, which will be held at Gettysburg College.

After placing second in the Indoor Championships, the men's team enters the meet as the number one contender to end Haverford's nine-year reign as champion.

Athletes to watch on the men's side include: Elson, who was the reigning indoor 800m and 1500m champion, Sophomore John Brodowski, who was the indoor high jump champion and Conference record holder in the decathlon, Junior Frank Santini, who was the indoor shot-put champion, Sophomore Will Corbin, who is ranked number one in the Conference in the

javelin, and Freshman Brian Campfield who is the Conference record holder in the discus.

While the men look to knock off Haverford, the women will try to improve on their fifth place indoor finish. If they are to move up the ladder they will need huge contributions from both Seiler and Hankee, who are ranked first in the 400m hurdles and third in the 100m hurdles respectively.

Other key contributors for the women are Kristen Boydston, who was ranked second in the shot-put, Val Robuck who ranked third in the high jump, and Megan Douglas-Snyder who was the indoor pole vault champion.

The track and field team has many of their key athletes returning next year to continue their team success.

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Playoffs in future

BY LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The Mule baseball team played its last game of the Centennial Conference season with a doubleheader loss to the eleventh ranked Johns Hopkins. The Mules (19-11-1, 10-7-1) will play in the Centennial Conference playoffs as the fourth seed. They clinched a berth in the Centennial Conference playoffs when Gettysburg (9-7-1) split with Washington. If the two teams had tied at 10-7-1, the Mules would get the fourth and final berth because of their sweep of the Bullets.

Sophomore Matt Long led the Mules off in the second inning with his first career home run, which was the Mules' lone run in the first game. Senior Justin Graf stole his 37th base of the season setting a Centennial Conference record. The Mules lost their first game against

Johns Hopkins, 6-1.

Graf led off the night game with a home run, extending his hitting streak to fifteen games. The Mules took a 2-1 lead on an unearned run in the second

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inning. The Blue Jays (26-4, 13-2) had two base runs in the bottom of the inning, ending their scoring.

The Mules had bases loaded with one out in the seventh inning; however, a double play sent the Mules to an early finish ending the game. The final score put the Blue Jays ahead, 3-2.

On Monday, the Mules (19-12-1) played their final home game of the season against DeSales (22-11), who is a regionally ranked team.

The score was tied at nine runs in the ninth inning when DeSales broke the 8-8 tie and defeated the Mules, 17-11. This game was the finale for their regu-



(left) Freshman Ryan Jaxhelmer steps up to the plate.



(right) Sophomore Aaron Regensburg throws in a speeding pitch.

PHOTOS BY JAMIE BUCKWALTER

lar season games.

The Mules took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Senior Ben Carr smashed the ball, sending it over the left field fence for his first career home run at his last home game. Carr is one of five seniors who played their last collegiate career game on Monday.

Falling behind on the scoreboard, 3-2, the Mules came back in the third inning on a back-to-back sacrifice flies by Freshman

Brian LaRochelle and Sophomore C.J. Kesler. They were able to stay on top until the eighth inning when DeSales tied the contest.

Graf recorded two runs during the game, tying the school record of forty-two runs scored in a single season. He also set this last year and became the third player in team history to score 100 runs in a career. He rounded out the day stealing three bases. His total for the season reached

forty. Senior Justin Rubenstein had two hits, tying third place on the program's all-time hit list with 142. He only needs one hit to become the first player in team history with fifty hits in two consecutive collegiate seasons.

Long tied the school record in doubles in a season with eleven. The Mules ended the season as a team breaking the record for runs scored in a season with 251.

They play on Friday in the CC playoffs.

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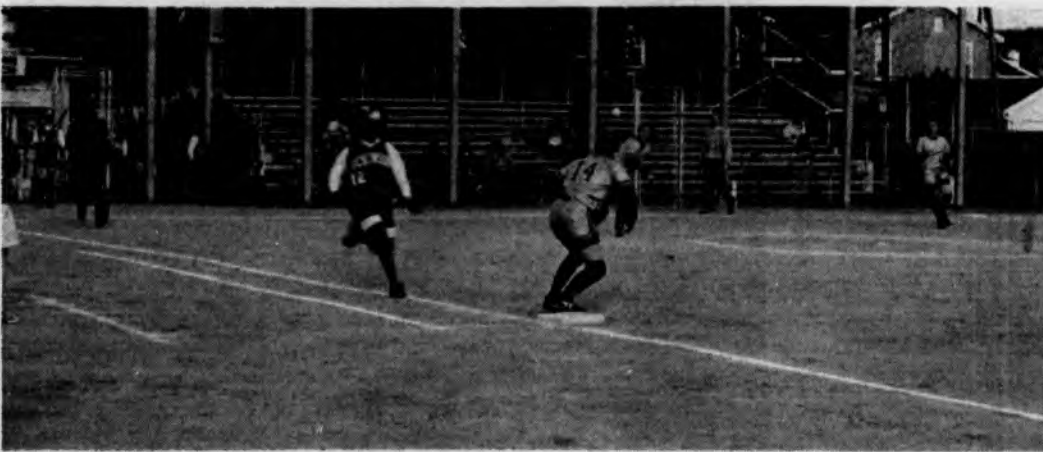
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(above) Softball team throws out runner heading to first.

(below left) Junior Danielle DeLucia punts the ball down the first base line.

(below right) DeLucia beats a throw to first.

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Win leads to CC Championships

By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg softball team swept Dickinson last Saturday in a double header, 8-0 and 10-2, enabling them to qualify for the Conference Championships this weekend. Junior Becki Toth led the Mules, going 4-for-6, becoming the sixteenth member of Muhlenberg's 100-hit club. Toth totaled two hits in each game and finished with two RBIs, thus making her hitting streak fifteen games long.

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"This game was great--we all worked together and wanted the win. We are also really excited to go to Conferences, and this time it is sweeter because we lost last year and we have the opportunity to get back to where we were two years ago," Toth said. The Mules really showed their skills in the second inning of the first game, when they scored a total of six runs. During this streak, Junior Kate Dischino batted a two-run homer, the first of her career, along with two RBIs, and Senior Kelly Berg batted in three runs.

Immediately following the Muhlenberg run streak, Junior Danielle DeLucia pitched a three-hitter, and completed her eighth career shutout. Senior Kristen Best recorded two singles and scored two runs in the opener. Along with Best, Junior Nicole Sarno recorded three RBIs for the afternoon, while Berg finished with four.

In the second game, Muhlenberg scored five runs in both the second and the third innings. Two runs were batted in the third inning by Senior Meghan Woods. The team will play at the CC Championships this weekend.



Championship out of reach

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

On Saturday, the men's tennis team traveled to Haverford to play in the Centennial Conference

Championships. Brad Scheller, Jeff Kraft and Cameron Parke all were defeated in their singles matches. In doubles, the Mules top team of Seniors Brad Scheller and Matthew Fleissig advanced to the quarterfinals, having defeated Ursinus' Jeremy Landis and Chris Fox. Haverford's Aaron Scherb and Harrison Lee defeated Scheller and Fleissig in the quarterfinals, in a 9-7 loss. Fleissig said, "The entire team really came together. We are really like a big family and I consider all the players as my closest friends. There are no other people I would have rather spent my last year of competitive tennis with."

Parke and Kraft played number two for the Mules doubles. They won their first match against Dickinson's number two team, Greg Bertelsen and Aaron Sussman. They defeated Johns Hopkins' Kevin Alford and Justin Belisario in the quarterfinals with an 8-3 upset. Johns Hopkins was seeded second and reached the finals last year. Kraft and Parke's winning streak came to an end when Washington's Asfand Farouk and Maciek Prytula defeated them in the semifinals, 8-1. Parke finished his career with 88 wins and had the best record this season on his team.

The team has had over nine wins for each of the past four seasons with their seniors holding the spotlight. Scheller, Fleissig and Parke contributed greatly with the top three records on the team for this year and assisting the team three years prior to this season.

MEN'S TENNIS

Mules break four school records

By BRENDAN GALLAGHER
Weekly Sports Writer

This past Saturday, the Muhlenberg track and field teams competed with great success. The Mules set four school records and had six athletes place in the top three while competing in two meets this weekend.

In the first of these two meets, Senior Will Elson set a new school record for the mile with a time of 4:09.28 and finishing thirteenth in the Penn Relays Olympic developmental mile.

In addition to being a new record, Elson's time qualified him for the NCAA Championship in the 1500m, and is also the third fastest time in Division III this year.

While Elson was running at the Penn Relays, the rest of the team competed at The College of New Jersey's Lions Invitational. At this meet, the team set the three other school records. For the men's team, Senior Brendan Gallagher won the 3000m steeplechase in a time of 10:05.03, knocking one second off the previous school record.

Gallagher was followed to the line by Sophomore teammate Christopher Martin as the Mules swept the top two places in the event. Also having a strong meet for the men was Senior Jason App who tied for third in the pole vault with a jump of 14' 3".

Not to be outdone by the men, the

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The women's and men's track team is hard at work during practice.

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women's team set two records of their own in the 4 x 100m relay and 4 x 400m relay. In the 4 x 100m relay, Freshmen Kate Isselee and Daniel Seiler, and Sophomores Katie Macomber and Ashley Hankee shaved .3 seconds off the previous record, placing fourth with a time of 51.46.

Then Isselee, Seiler and Macomber teamed up with Junior Lesley Bruno to capture second place in the 4 x 400m relay in a time of 4:07.49, an impressive five seconds better than old mark.

In individual action for the lady Mules, both Seiler and Hankee placed in the top three in their individual events. Seiler was second in the 400m hurdles and Hankee placed third in the 100m hurdles.

Both Mules track and field teams are in

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Ross wins Centennial Conference individual championships

By LISA KOHN
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team played at Haverford this weekend for the Centennial Conference Championships. On Saturday, in doubles,

Freshman Amy Schmidt and Sophomore Emily Oster made it to the quarterfinals, defeating Franklin & Marshall's Jennifer Dubow and Tara Clarke. They were defeated, however, in the semi-finals by Ne'ko Browder and Shoko Nakamura of Washington. Juniors Gena Ross and Mackenzie Parke made it to the quarterfinals in doubles, but were defeated by Swarthmore's Kristina Pao and Ellie Suzuki. In singles, Ross was the second seed and not greatly challenged in her five previous tournament matches. She had to go to a third-set super tiebreaker in her quarterfinal match

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against Swarthmore's Caroline Celano, but ended up having ease for the rest of the match taking the victory. On Sunday, Ross was the lone Mule left to play at the Centennial Conference Championships. She went into Sunday for the semifinals. Ross won her semifinal match against another Swarthmore player, Ellie Suzuki. Ross opened with a 6-0 win, but in the second set struggled before pulling out a 6-4 victory. Next, Ross went up against her archrival from

Washington, Nakamura, to play for the championship. Nakamura won the first game, but Ross fought back the rest of the match, winning twelve straight games. Ross took the victory 6-1, 6-0, and won the women's tennis Centennial Conference Individual Championship. Ross is Muhlenberg's first Centennial Conference singles champion since 1988 when the only other player in the school's history to win a singles title was Michele Marangi, who took the MAC crown.

"I am still in shock, I can't believe that I won the Centennial Conference. It's something I've always wanted to do, but never thought I could actually do it," said Ross. Ross continued to say, "I have the greatest teammates in the world, and I would have never been able to do this without them."

"I'm thrilled to have another conference champion," said Head Coach Linda Andrews. "Gena played a terrific tournament."

Ross regrets that Swarthmore's Anjani Reddy, the twentieth ranked player in Division III and two-time defending CC singles champion, did not compete in the tournament. Ross is waiting to hear where she will stand in the national ranking. She has a chance to play at the nationals in California at the end of May as long as she is ranked in the top thirty of the women's singles players in Division III, which will come out soon.



Junior Gena Ross knocks the ball over the net with ease.

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Weekend ends with second place finish in Conference Championships



Junior Matt Katz putts across the green.

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By ALLISON AUCLAIR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg golf team competed last weekend in the third and final round of the Centennial Conference Championships.

The Mules went into the event tied for first with Franklin & Marshall, but the Mules fell behind the Diplomats and lost by a mere twelve strokes. The Mules took second place, however, five strokes ahead of Ursinus College and eight strokes above McDaniel College.

Junior Jesse Neider recorded the second highest score of the day to record a 54-hole total of 231. This accomplishment also enabled Neider to be placed in the all time record book, for the best Centennial Conference performance by a Muhlenberg golfer.

"I think we did very well to even be in the position to obtain a first place finish," Neider said. "It's an overwhelming experience and as a team we really came together and each person put forth immense effort and greatly contributed."

Junior Matt Katz also placed in the top ten for

the competition, recording 233 points, just two strokes behind Neider. Katz said, "I was somewhat happy with the way I played, but a little disappointed that I could not hold it together for all three days. I played very well the second day (73) and thought that I would play just as well in the final round."

Senior Todd Scolnick also had a great showing, finishing with 238 points. This score, just five strokes behind Katz, was just one stroke short of qualifying for the top ten. This was Scolnick's last tournament of his career.

Katz said, "I was very happy with our performance even though we got second place. I feel we played well and had a good spring. I feel this spring's performance will carry over to the fall and we should have a very good team come fall."

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STUDENTS LEAVE THE COLLEGE, BUT MEMORIES REMAIN

by Lauren Wiesner, Class of 2005

After spending four years of their lives at the College, students of the Class of 2003 will be graduating on Sunday. Despite the inevitable departure from the College, each senior has a unique set of memories to look back on that have defined the last four years and the character of the Class of 2003. During their last week on campus, five seniors explained what was most memorable to them throughout their four years of college.

Most seniors may be able to remember finishing their first semester at the College. Packing up boxes and bags and taking down posters and photos for the first time from the walls of Prosser, Walz or Brown Hall was exciting to most because the long semester was over, and a summer break was ahead. "The feeling of exhilaration after you finish your first semester" was a more notable memory for Sarah Kersh during her years at the College.

During each semester, students branch off into activities that shape their day-to-day lives. For Rafael Bish, "every Tuesday and Thursday going into College Choir and

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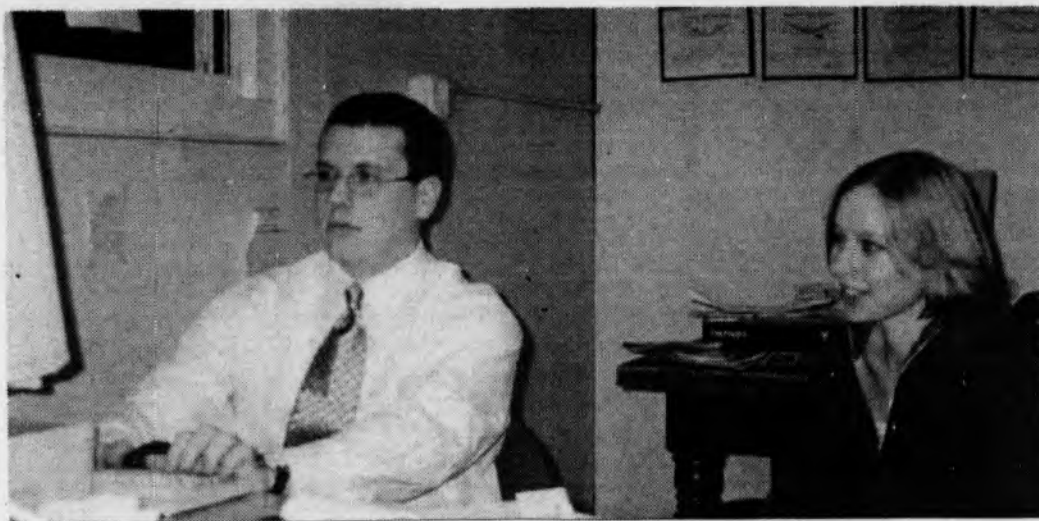


Leaving the College and *The Weekly*

**David M.
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**Editor-in-
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David M. Sobotkin and Jess Skrocki work in *The Weekly* office.

**Jessica
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The Weekly a
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warm heart**

WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

BY H. MATTHEW MEYERS
Editor-in-Chief

What will we do without DEVO blasting from the Editor-in-Chief's office? If you think we'll be helping our eardrums, you may be right. For the past two years David M. Sobotkin has served as the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of *The Weekly*. Though it may not always seem this way, the job of EIC is virtually thankless. With this in mind, the Editorial Board would like to thank Dave for the time and effort he has put into the newspaper.

Sobotkin began his work at *The Weekly* as a freshmen working as Assistant Op/Ed Editor. Over the course of his first two years at the College, he rose through the ranks to Op/Ed Editor and inevitably was elected to the highest position on the paper at the end of his sophomore year. While serving as Op/Ed Editor, Sobotkin installed what is now a staple of the paper: the Discourse page. Once elected EIC, Sobotkin's first order of business was to work to improve strained relationships between not only

The Weekly and Student Council, but with the administration of the school as well. Through his four semesters at the helm, this is something that has continued to grow stronger, setting the path for what looks to be a hopeful and healthy future for *The Weekly*. Internally, Sobotkin has worked to strengthen the structure of the organization and ensure a democratic process in necessary decision-making.

During his two years as EIC, the College and the world faced many challenges. His first issue as EIC (with a new Editorial Board) was produced on Sept. 11, 2001. Instead of using all of the stories that had been put together over the course of

the summer and beginning of the year, almost everything was scrapped to accommodate the horrific events of the day. These are the times that the true virtue of a leader are measured and even though many editors were working past sunrise, Sobotkin was able to lead the Editorial Board to putting together a full issue.

To say that Sobotkin has a full plate would indeed be a major understatement. As a double major in Political Science and History, Sobotkin has managed to participate in several school extracurricular activities while excelling academically, as he was a recent Honor Society inductee. Sobotkin also has spent significant time working on the Judicial Board as well as the PEP program. In all of this time, no one has ever questioned the work ethic or dedication he has to any of his many endeavors. Sobotkin still found time to not only apply for the prestigious Truman scholarship for students with exceptional leadership

skills who are committed to careers in government, but he also made it to the final round of applicants. Graduation means

several different things for different people. For Sobotkin, this means three more years of schooling. After deliberating over acceptances to law schools, Sobotkin finally made his decision to join the Syracuse University College of Law Class of 2006.

Sobotkin has and will continue (even in his absence) to make a lasting mark on the College. He has brought *The Weekly* from an organization in which most of the writers were the editors to an organization with well over fifty active members. For all of his efforts over his four years with *The Weekly*, we would like to thank him and express our warmest regards for the future.

BY RACHEL SCHATZ
Asst. Managing Editor

Only she can make a purple fuzzy sweater and radiantly red sneakers look sleek. With her short blonde bob and icy blue eyes, Jessica Skrocki has made quite an impact on the College during her four years in Allentown. As a double major in both English and Art, Skrocki has honed her intellectual and cultural interests and presented the College community with her astounding talents for literary and visual aesthetics.

During her sophomore year, she joined *The Weekly* as an Assistant Editor

for the Life! section and moved up in the ranks to become Life! Editor in her junior year. As a section editor, she recruited and advised student writers and aptly edited and laid out a section full of music, theater, movie and entertainment reviews. She served out her senior year as *The Weekly*'s Managing Editor, copy editing with her incredible grammar skills at hand and dedicating long and tedious Tuesday nights to the paper's completion.

Skrocki also served as the Editor-in-Chief and submitting writer for the College's poetry, photography, visual art and prose anthology *Muses* for Spring 2003.

In addition to her commitment to student-run publishing, Skrocki is also an integral member of the College's Writing Center, this year serving on the Public Relations Committee that advertised for the Center's workshops and other events with message board announcements and brightly colored posters visible all over campus.

As a member of the Senior Art Honors class, Skrocki exhibited her artwork at this year's Senior Honors Art Exhibition that opened on Apr.

30 and will go through graduation on May 18 in the Martin Art Gallery. She has six works on display in the show, photographs entitled "Leafscape II," "Leafscape III," "Leafscape IV," "Growth 1," "Growth 2" and "Growth 3," which are all gelatin on silver fiber print. Skrocki has worked on her exhibit throughout most of the year.

All of her undergraduate work and endeavors have been directed toward a goal of working as an editor in the publishing industry. Skrocki was offered an internship at

Her smile is gleaming, her talents are extraordinary, and her future is bright with possibility

Rodale, Inc., a publishing house that is responsible for the publication of several local and major magazines. In addition, she

laid out a newspaper for the Jewish Community Center of Allentown.

Skrocki applied to the only two American summer workshop programs offered for journalism and publishing at University of Colorado and Columbia University. Because of her excellence in editing and English here at the College, both programs accepted her, and she decided to attend Columbia's prestigious and rigorous program. She is bound for New York City shortly after graduation.

Skrocki, however, is not a one-dimensional intellectual. In addition to her talents and skills in art and English, Skrocki is a fun-loving and extremely sharp-witted individual with an unmatched flair for life, friends, fun, fashion and wine.

She's quick with jokes and retorts, and she prides herself on avoiding the Garden Room food for almost two whole years. Her smile is gleaming, her talents are extraordinary and her future is bright with possibility. Congratulations, Jess, on four jam-packed years of academics, art and friendship, and good luck with all of your future endeavors.

Class of 2003 gives back to the College

By LAUREN WIESNER
Managing Editor

After packing up boxes of books and clothing and moving out, the graduating senior class will leave one thing behind at the College: an informational kiosk will be installed on campus as the senior class gift.

Chosen by the senior class officers, the class gift is a long tradition at the

President for Finance and Treasurer will determine its location. The kiosk will serve as a pillar in Parents Plaza where students can post signs and announcements.

According to Adam Marles, Associate Director of The Muhlenberg Fund, "Gifts vary depending on what people want to do." He explained that the senior class gift is a "longstanding tradition of people giving

have also donated \$10,270 to a scholarship fund through individual donations and payment for senior events.

The scholarship fund began three years ago, and prior to the class of 2003, \$21,000 was raised for the scholarship. After the Class of 2003 donation, the scholarship will be awarded for the first time in financial aid packages for incoming first-year students.

The scholarship will award \$1,500 to students this year, and it will continue to give five percent of the principle scholarship fund to financial aid annually. The money will not be allocated to one student, but rather it will supplement all financial aid packages. Sixty-two percent of the Class of 2003 has contributed to the gift so far, while the College strives for only 40 percent participation in donating for each class. "They're involvement has been exceptional," said Marles. About 20 percent



Students will be able to post fliers on the senior class gift, a kiosk outdoors in Parents Plaza similarly to the kiosk in Seegers Union.

WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

"[The Class of 2003's] involvement has been exceptional."

Adam Marles, Associate Director
of The Muhlenberg Fund

College. This year's senior class also donated money toward a scholarship fund that will help fund financial aid packages for students next year.

The informational kiosk will be installed after construction on Seegers Union, and senior class officers along with Kent Dyer, Vice

the Class of 1975, and several of the park benches, as well as the flagpole are class gifts from the past. Still a presence on campus after 100 years, the fountain in Ettinger was a gift of the Class of 1903.

In addition to the informational kiosk from the Class of 2003, the seniors

of a typical student's tuition is paid for by gifts. Marles explained that he hopes the Class of 2003 "will find it

rewarding that [their donations] will help students to have the same experiences that they've had."

Students, speakers and honorary degree recipients await Commencement

By LAUREN WIESNER
Managing Editor

Filling the day with speeches and moments of recognition for students and friends of the College, Commencement exercises will take place this Sunday for the Class of 2003. United States Senator Arlen Specter will address the Class of 2003 as Commencement speaker, and Kathryn Wolford, President of Lutheran World Relief will speak at the Baccalaureate service on Sunday.

Specter and Wolford will join Amadou Makhtar Diop, Ph.D., Technical Director for the Rodale Institute's Global Programs and Howard Weitz, M.D., Director of Clinical Cardiology at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in receiving honorary degrees at the Commencement ceremony.

Specter was elected to the United States Senate in

1980, and has since made an impact in law enforcement and the fight against terrorism through his Armed Career Criminal Act and position as Chairman of the Intelligence Committee in the 104th Congress, among other positions.

Prior to Specter's Commencement address, Wolford will speak during the Baccalaureate service. She is a member of the United States Agency for International Development Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid as well as a Board member for the Lutheran Community Foundation and Women's EDGE.

Both Specter and Wolford will receive honorary degrees at the Commencement ceremony, along with Diop and Weitz. Diop has spent 25 years working in tropical and temperate agriculture, as well as working towards sustainable food systems for hunger and poverty stricken international areas. In this field, Diop has helped with

the West African Rice Development Association and the Senegal Regenerative Agriculture Resource Center.

Weitz graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1974 and is certified by the Diplomat National Board of Medical Examiners and the Diplomat American Board of Internal Medicine for cardiovascular diseases. He has also been awarded with the Intern House Staff Teaching Attending Award and the Teacher of the Year by Jefferson Medical College's Department of Medicine.

Also playing a part in the Commencement exercises, the Allentown Band, America's oldest concert band will continue its 33-year tradition of appearing at the College's Commencement.

The Allentown Band also played for the first academic procession at the College on Sept. 3, 1867.

This summer marks the 175th anniversary of the band.

Seniors share memories

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rehearsing" were the most memorable moments throughout college.

Getting outside of the classroom and enjoying the sunshine and warm weather that frames each year was most memorable for Molly Wilson. "There was one day when I was a freshman. A couple of my friends that were musicians, [they had] bongos and guitars," she said. "We were hanging out on a blanket, playing Frisbee. That was a beautiful day."

College students are notorious for their late hours, whether for studying or socializing. For Josh Brookstein, he remembers "walking around campus with my friends at two-thirty in the morning debating whether to go to Ham Fam or Trivet for milkshakes and breakfast."

Throughout the years, the seniors have witnessed change at the College. The social life on campus has seen the most change in the eyes of seniors. "I've seen that student life has become more diversified...students

have more opinions," said Matt Targarona. "The voice of students has changed. I think it's really great."

According to Wilson, social life has seen a more tangible change. "When I came here, there were five [fraternities]," she said. "There was a lot more interaction, in my opinion. The greatest change is kind of a decrease in all that activity."

Senior class events have brought the seniors together and solidified the Class of 2003. From the midnight toast on Kern Field that, according to Targarona, "was a great way to kick off the year," to the 2003 Hours celebration at the bowling alley when, according to Brookstein, "we all put on bowling shoes and looked like putzes but had fun," the senior class came together to enjoy their last year together.

Now, the Class of 2003 will stand together one last time at Commencement to accept their diplomas in recognition of all of the hard work and memories from the past four years at the College.

'Berg bids a fond farewell...



Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

--Albert Schweitzer



By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

--Confucius

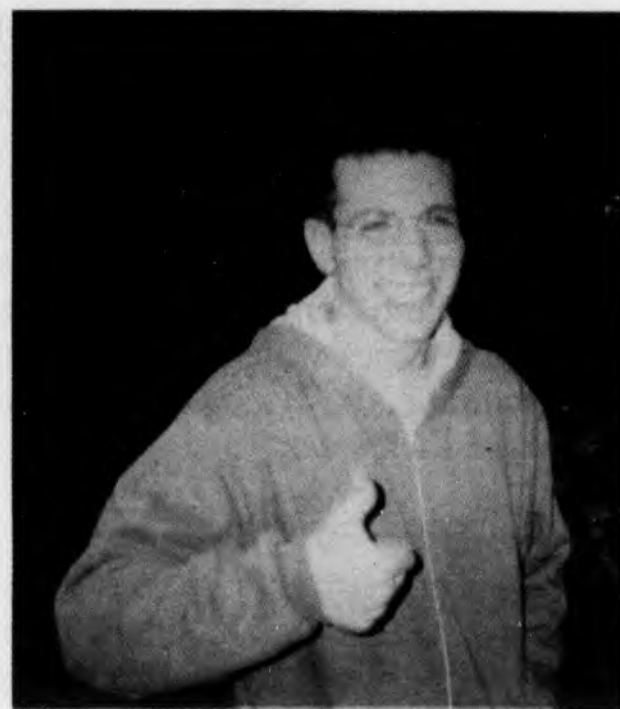


...to the Class of 2003



*A journey
of a
thousand
miles
begins with
a single
step.*

--Confucius



Guy: *Do you have any plans for after
graduation?*

Homer: *Me!? I'm going to drink a lot of
beer and stay out aaaall night!*

--The Simpsons



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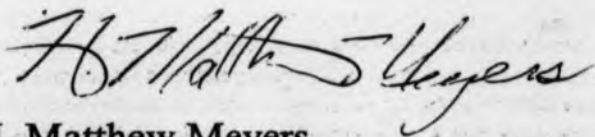
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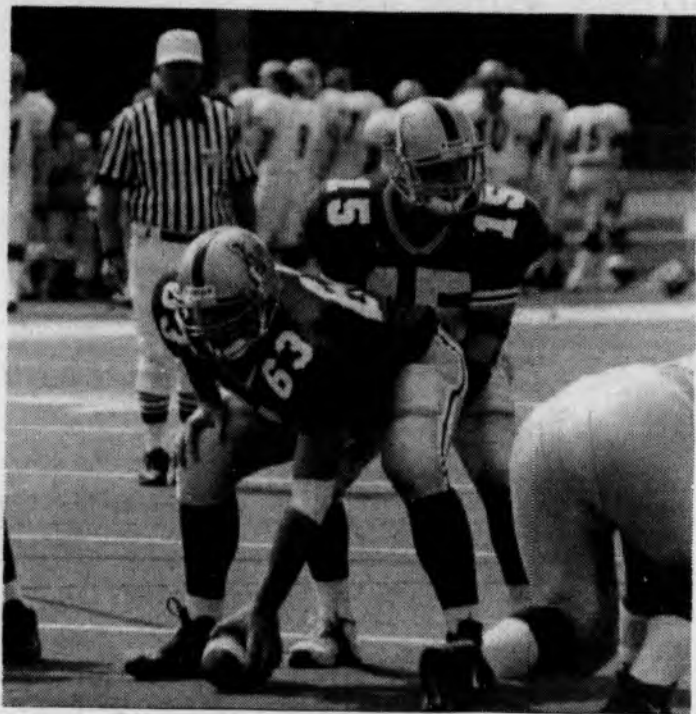
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Profile: Mule athletic All-Stars



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As starting quarterback for the Muhlenberg football team Justin Jones orchestrated an outstanding senior season. Throwing for a total of 2,042 yards and eighteen touchdowns, not only did Jones man the high-scoring passing offense of the 10-2 Mules, but he also added 102 yards on the ground and six additional scores. With Jones at the helm, the Mules were able to advance to the second round of the NCAA Playoffs. This season, Jones also put together

three 200-plus passing games with his best (273) against Union in an effort to a 44-13 victory, (one of seven 40 plus performances).

For his accomplishments, Jones was awarded the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southwest Player-of-the-Year honor. He was also named to the ECAC Division III Southwest first-team. In addition to his ECAC honors, Jones was a two-time Centennial Conference Player of the Week as well as the Offensive Player of the Year. This is in addition to his being named to the 2001 Centennial Conference second-team.

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Editor-in-Chief

Will Elson's graduation marks a great loss to the College's Track teams. Recently, Elson was named was named Most Outstanding Track Performer by the Centennial Conference one of the most prestigious awards given. Additionally, this past March Elson finished second in the 1,500 meters at the Division III NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Along with the second place finish came Elson's second All-America honor.

In addition to his accomplishments as a Collegiate athlete, Elson has also had some real breakthroughs as a runner away from the College. Near the end of April, he participated in Philadelphia at the 109th Penn Relays. Elson was one of a mere four college runners on the participating in the 1,500 meters. Finishing with a time of 4:09.28 made the NCAA automatic qualifying.

Though Elson will be graduating on Sunday, he leaves behind ten school records in Track and Field and Cross Country.



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It is the goal of any college athlete to excel at their sport, but also in academics. This is exactly what Senior guard, Randi Baran was able to manage for the Women's Basketball team. This year, Baran has been named to the 2003 Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball Scholar-Athlete Team for excellence in academics and athletics. The Scholar-Athlete Team consists of one player who excels in the classroom and on the court from each of the seven schools in the organization.

Additionally, Baran was named part of the Naismith Classic All-Tournament Team.

An art major and a women's studies minor, she has been a starter as guard since

her sophomore year.

Baran has proven in her collegiate career to be one of the best point guards in Muhlenberg history. With 223 career assists Baran ranks fourth in College history and fourth in season assists, with 101 in her Junior year.



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Congratulations to Lauren Wiesner

**The Muhlenberg Weekly's 2002-2003
Editor of the Year**

The Editor of the Year Award goes to a hard-working, dedicated editor that has proven to be an important asset to *The Weekly* staff.

Lauren has served as Assistant News Editor and News Editor since the Spring of 2002. She has recently been elected to the position of Managing Editor.

The Editorial Board thanks and congratulates Lauren for all of her effort this year.

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SPORTS

Congratulations senior athletes

FIELD HOCKEY

Laura Diez *
Holly Pico *
Kristen Best *
Josephine Fasolino *



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Kim Laurino *
Jamie Gluck *

FOOTBALL

Jordan Wright
Raushan Person
Steve Kreider
Justin Jones
Chris Reed
Alfred Mercuri *
Beau Sherry *
Bo Rodrigues
Steve Doll
Tyler Cathey
Christopher Brown
Mike Koth *
John Blankenhagen
Justin Hurlburt
Oscar Shoy
John Caliso
Toomey Anderson
Jeff Dipple
Jon Buglione



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Will Elson
Ethan Fearn
John Fontana
Brendan Gallagher *
Robin Holden *

MEN'S SOCCER

Josh Menditch
Quentin McDowell *
Michael Hochkeppel
David Vassukaros
Tom Hartey
Ben Long *



MEN'S GOLF

Todd Scolnick *
Ryan Vogel

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Randi Baran *
Meg Malatack *



WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Aimee Reiss *

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Jason App *
Robert Ascrizzi
Will Elson *
Brendan Gallagher
Robin Holden *
Steve Kreider
Jim McCoy

VOLLEYBALL

Lisa Giammalvo
Meaghan Billie
Dana Ferrelli *
Jennifer Leigh



SOFTBALL

Meaghan Woods *
Kristen Best *
Kelly Berg *



BASEBALL

Sunil Bangali
Kevin Komeshok *
Justin Graf *
Justin Rubenstein *
Ben Carr

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Aimee Reiss *

MEN'S TENNIS

Matthew Fleissig *
Cameron Parke *
Brad Scheller *

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Jason App *
Robert Ascrizzi
Will Elson *
Brendan Gallagher
Robin Holden *
Steve Kreider
Jim McCoy



WRESTLING

Greg Jacobs
Joe Salerno *
Jed Wulfekotte
Nate Yeasted *



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Sarah Bowman *
Lynsey Caldwell *



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Toomey Anderson *
Raushan Person
Anthony Strachan *
Aaron Holden *



Asterisk (*) indicates Captain of team

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